

MINUTES  
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AND  
GENERAL CONFERENCE,  
OF  
The Free Methodist Church,  
FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1870.

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF  
THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE,  
HELD AT NEW YORK,  
Sept. 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 1870.

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Officers.

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—W. GOULD; *Assistant*—J. H. JAMES.

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Committees.

*On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, J. T. James, J. Mackey.

*On Statistics*—W. Gould, J. T. James.

*On Education*—E. Owen, W. Gould, J. T. James, L. Woodruff, J. Mackey, J. Osmun.

*On Publications*—J. B. Freeland, G. W. Anderson, B. Winget, S. Beckwith, W. Finch.

*On Sunday Schools*—J. Glen, J. Odell, A. Wise, J. Fulford.

*On Temperance*—M. D. McDougal, W. M. Parry, W. Southworth, F. A. Town, H. H. Pease.

*On Bible Cause*—Z. Osborne, T. Whiffin, J. H. Davis.

*On Publishing Minutes*—W. Gould, J. H. James.

*On Collecting Funds for same*—S. Beckwith.

*On Memoirs*—E. Owen, Z. Osborne, S. Beckwith.

*On Claims*—E. Owen, L. Woodruff.

*On Missionary Appropriations, and Expenses of General Conference Delegates*—The Stationing Committee.

*To Appoint Examiners on Course of Study*—B. T. Roberts, W. Gould, J. T. James.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Missionary Board*—E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, J. Odell, J. Olney, W. M. Parry, W. Withers, J. S. Whitney, J. Benedict, S. Nichols, J. Dickson.

*Executive*—E. Owen, L. Woodruff.

*To Visit Chili Seminary*—E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, J. F. Collins.

#### EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY.

*Preliminary Course*—W. Southworth, R. W. Hawkins.

*First Year*—W. M. Parry, G. R. Harvey.

*Second Year*—J. T. James, B. Winget.

*Third Year*—J. B. Freeland, Z. Osborne.

*Fourth Year*—M. N. Downing, G. W. Anderson.

### Disciplinary Questions.

1. What are the names of Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—J. Olney, M. N. Downing, W. Gould, J. B. Stacy, Z. Osborne, M. D. McDongal, J. Odell, W. M. Parry, N. Atkins, J. B. Freeland, B. Winget, S. H. Bronson, G. W. Anderson, E. Owen, J. T. James, W. Southworth, T. Whiffin, G. Edwards, J. Glen, D. Dempsey, J. W. Sawyer, R. W. Hawkins, C. Southworth, T. Ross, G. R. Harvey, A. Fassett.

*Laymen*—J. A. Tulford, A. Wise, W. Finch, J. Osmun, S. Nichols, S. Beckwith, J. S. Harvey, J. H. Davis, F. A. Town, W. Withers, O. D. Norton, G. S. Watkins, J. S.

Whitney, L. Woodruff, E. Briggs, J. Benedict, G. W. Avery, A. Bowers, J. A. Baldwin, J. Mackey, D. N. Beardsley, J. Dickson, H. H. Pease, W. Kitchel.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, E. Owen, W. Gould, J. B. Freeland, J. T. James, L. Woodruff, F. A. Town, J. Mackey, J. Osmun.

3. Who are admitted on trial?

G. S. Severson, E. H. Warner, R. Coons, W. W. Dickson, O. M. Owen, A. W. Paul, L. Kelly.

4. Who remain on trial?

J. Guyon, G. Ferrin, W. H. Steegar, C. M. Damon.

5. Who are admitted into full connexion?

C. Southworth, T. Ross, J. W. Sawyer, R. W. Hawkins, G. R. Harvey, A. Fassett.

N. B.—The last three are in Elders' orders.

6. Who are the Deacons?

T. Whiffin,\* G. Edwards,\* D. Dempsey,\* J. W. Sawyer,\* C. Southworth,† T. Ross.†

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

G. W. Anderson.

8. Who have located this year?

None.

9. Who are the worn-out or superannuated preachers?

E. Bowen, S. H. Bronson.

10. Who have been expelled?

D. A. Cargil.

11. Who have withdrawn, etc.?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless, etc.?

They were examined one by one, and all their characters passed except D. A. Cargil, who was reported expelled by the committee appointed to try him at the last year's Conference.

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\* Ordained last year.

† Ordained this year.

14. What is the number of church members, etc.?

15. What amounts are necessary for the support of superannuated preachers, etc.?

16. What amounts have been collected on foregoing accounts, etc.1

17. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

J. B. FREELAND, *Chairman and Evangelist.*

Webster and Ontario.....	A. Fassett.
Pittsford and Bushnell's Basin.....	J. Odell.
Canandaigua.....	G. W. Anderson.
Penn Yan and Rock Stream.....	L. Kelly.
Cohocton.....	J. W. Sawyer.
Gibson and Lindleytown.....	J. B. Stacy.
Rose and Sodus.....	M. N. Downing.
Clyde.....	M. D. McDougal.
Montezuma, Seneca Falls and Waterloo.	To be supplied.
Owasco and Summer Hill.....	Supplied by J. Osmun.
MacGrawville and Dryden.....	Z. Osborne.
Fulton.....	W. Southworth.
G. W. Anderson, Principal of Chili Seminary.	
E. Bowen, Superannuated.	

E. OWEN, *Chairman and Evangelist.*

Syracuse and Chittenango.....	{ D. Dempsey, T. Ross, W. H. Steegar.
Smithfield and Stockbridge.....	
Nelson East Church and Erieville.....	N. Atkins.
Smyrna, Norwich and Bainbridge.....	W. W. Dickinson.
Brookfield and Edmeston.....	W. M. Parry, G. Ferrin.
Rome, Lowell and New London.....	To be supplied.
Utica.....	B. Winget.
Frankfort and Schuyler.....	To be supplied.
Schoharie.....	J. Olney.
Lansingburg and Grafton.....	G. Edwards, R. Coons.
Saratoga Springs.....	O. M. Owen.
Greenfield and Corinth.....	Supplied by A. B. Burdick.
Black River Mission.....	To be supplied.
	C. H. Southworth.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

W. GOULD, *Chairman and Evangelist.*

Binghamton and Owego .....	J. T. James.
Windsor and Sandford.....	C. M. Damon.
Delaware.....	Supplied by A. G. Terry.
Liberty .....	A. W. Paul.
New York.....	Supplied by A. F. Curry.
Brooklyn.....	John Glen.
Greenport and Riverhead.....	To be supplied.
Elizabeth City.....	Supplied by J. M. Burdick
Lennox, Canaan and Beach Pond.....	J. Guyon, G. S. Severson.
Whitehaven and Wilkesbarre.....	G. R. Harvey.
Allentown and Catasqua.....	To be supplied. <i>see</i>
Philadelphia and Vineland.....	T. Whiffin.
Oil Creek Mission.....	R. W. Hawkins.
Texas Mission.....	E. H. Warner.
S. H. Bronson, Supernumerary.	

18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Utica, N. Y., commencing Wednesday, September 13th, 1871.

## Miscellaneous Business.

1. John Benedict and J. H. Burdick were ordained Local Deacons, and J. A. Baldwin Local Elder, in connection with the Sabbath services.

2. J. G. Champlain, delegate from a new circuit formed from the New York Circuit, was admitted to an honorary seat.

3. J. T. James was elected to serve on the Stationing Committee; in the place of W. J. Selby, deceased.

4. A. G. Terry, of the Genesee Conference, E. Foster, of the New York M. E. Conference, and all the preachers on trial, were admitted to honorary seats.

5. J. Guyon, G. Ferrin, G. Edwards, D. Dempsey, J. W. Sawyer, and T. Ross, being reported deficient in their studies, it was ordered that they be re-examined, next year, on those parts of the course on which they were examined and found deficient this year.

6. Richard W. Hawkins, from the Erie Conference of

the M. E. Church; George W. Harvey, from the Pennsylvania Conf. of the Methodist Protestant Church; Alonzo Fassett, from the Syracuse Conf. of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; and E. H. Warner, from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, presented credentials and certificates of ordination, etc., and were recognized as in Elder' orders.

7. Seth Bonney, of Liberty circuit, and James Brown, of Utica, were recognized as being in Local Elders' orders.

8. Bro. Dowend, of Utica, and J. A. Baldwin, of Beach Pond, were recognized as Local Deacons.

9. A. Fassett, L. Kelly, and G. W. Harvey, were admitted to membership in the F. M. Church.

10. L. Kelly presented papers and letters, showing his standing, etc., in the M. E. Church, Rock River, Ill., Conf.

11. E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, and W. Gould, were elected by ballot to serve during the coming year as Conference Evangelists, in accordance with Resolution No. 1. See Resolutions.

12. A collection of \$6.01 was taken up to reimburse the Secretary for expenditures on stationery, etc.

13. E. Owen, W. Gould, J. B. Freeland, and M. N. Downing, ministers; and L. Woodruff, J. S. Whitney, J. Mackey and F. A. Town, laymen; were elected as delegates to the General Conference to be held in October, at Aurora, Ill.

14. W. M. Parry and J. T. James, ministers, and D. N. Beardsley and S. Beckwith, laymen, were elected reserve delegates.

15. W. Gould was appointed as counsel, on behalf of the Conference, to conduct the appeal cases of D. W. Thurston and D. A. Cargil, before the General Conference.

16. \$31.55 were collected for the purpose of publishing the Minutes, which were ordered to be paid to B. T. Roberts.

17. Ordination services were held on the Sabbath,

18. R. D. Pease, M. D., of Philadelphia, lectured before the Conference on Secret Societies.

19. B. T. Roberts addressed the Conference each morning, by invitation.

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### Law Questions.

The following questions were answered by the President:

*Ques. 1st.* Is a charge having one preacher in full connexion, and one on probation, entitled to two lay delegates in an Annual Conference.

*Ans.* Yes.

*Ques. 2d.* Is a charge having one preacher appointed by Conference, and one acting as a supply under the appointment of a District Chairman, entitled to two delegates in an Annual Conference.

*Ans.* Yes

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### Reports of Committees.

#### ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The Church of God is a Missionary Church. By it the world is to be evangelized, and the nations of the earth brought to acknowledge the great Messiah.

Christ's commission to his disciples was, to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In order to do this, there must be an entire consecration, on the part of the Church of all its worldly possessions to the Lord. The widow knew how much it cost to be a Christian. The little we have must be given to Christ. While we are thankful for the benevolent spirit, manifested among our people generally, in contributing of their means to aid the carrying on the work of God among us, we cannot but confess and regret the fact, that the provisions of our discipline have not been fully complied with, in reference to missionary contributions. It is required that one penny per week be collected from every member of our Church for missionary purposes: if this had been done during the past year, on every charge, there would have been paid into the missionary treasury this fall, the sum of \$700; whereas we have only received \$246 58. We earnestly exhort and entreat our people to reform in this matter.

The following payments and appropriations were ordered for the present and coming year:

PAYMENTS.—J. B. Stacy, \$25. W. Southworth, \$35. J. Olney, \$10. T. Whiffin, \$75. A. G. Terry, \$10. E. T. Dewey, \$10. G. Edwards, \$10. C. Damon, \$20. C. Southworth, \$35. G. W. Anderson, \$16 58. Total, \$246 58.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.—Fulton Circuit, \$40. Gibson and Lyndleytown, \$25. Philadelphia, \$50.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES EXPENSES.

Cash on hand, \$46. Ordered that each preacher shall raise on his charge as soon as possible after going there, the sum of 10 cents per member, and forward the same to E. Owen, at Utica, Oneida county, N. Y.

### ON TEMPERANCE.

We are still in the midst of the battle against the monster vice, intemperance. Notwithstanding the powerful efforts put forth within the last few years, for its suppression, it still lives; and often seems as strong and vigorous as ever, if not more so.

Crimes born of drunkenness are fearfully numerous. The fast living of the times creates an almost insatiable desire for the stimulus given by intoxicating beverages. Ardent spirits, strong drinks, sparkling but deadly wines, malt liquors, fermented and alcoholic juices, prepared by perverted arts from fruits and vegetables, otherwise useful and health-giving, are manufactured in quantities almost too great for correct estimation, and sold and drunk to the damage and ruin of the bodies and souls of the people; creating a trade so lucrative as to appeal almost irresistibly to the grasping and covetous natures of those who are in haste to be rich; leading them to utterly disregard the consequences of the abuse of their stewardship of the fruits of the earth, in their insane desire for wealth. Not only do the acknowledged people of the world, but a large proportion of those who are professedly Christian, rush into the business of growing, selling, and manufacturing grain for and into intoxicating beverages; violating the spirit and letter of the laws of God; partaking other mens' sins by aiding and abetting the accursed traffic, through which the world is filled with misery, and hell with lost souls.

We are profoundly convinced that nothing but the grace of God can drive this monster evil from the land: that all organizations and operations that do not bring men to Christ, for salvation, are utterly inadequate to the work of temperance reform. Our only trust for success in this war is the help of the living God; but relying on this, we are confident of final and full success. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will still urge increasing war against intemperance and all that leads to it, bringing the gospel of God to bear upon all the practices referred to, in preaching, by moral suasion, and otherwise.

*Resolved*, That we will vote only for such men as legislators who are unequivocally in favor of thorough temperance reform.

*Resolved*, That we instruct our delegates to the coming General Conference to use their influence vigorously for securing such an au-



thoritative interpretation of our present discipline, or the enactment of such new laws as shall require the exclusion from full membership in the Free Methodist church, of all persons who raise or traffic in grain of any kind, or use any of the fruits of the earth for manufacturing into intoxicating drinks to be used as beverages, as also of all persons engaged in manufacturing, dealing in, or using tobacco, for snuffing, chewing, or smoking, as commonly practiced. And

*Resolved*, That we condemn as inexpedient and wrong the use of secret temperance meetings and societies, as being objectionable in principle and liable to many abuses in practice which do not result from open societies and meetings.

### ON EDUCATION.

The desire to acquire knowledge is a leading characteristic of the human mind, which should be encouraged and governed by the fostering and guiding influences of Christianity, which directly tend to banish ignorance, and beget educational enterprise in spirit and reform.

We also believe that for ensuring extensive usefulness in the Church, and in the world, a liberal education is next in importance to sound piety; hence it is the duty of the Church to do all in her power to educate the rising generation; first, in a knowledge of the Scriptures, and secondly, in that of the sciences. But as the pursuit of a scientific and classical education is attended in the present age with much danger to the spirituality of the student, who is devoted to God, arising largely from the formality and worldliness connected with many of the so-called religious institutions of learning in the land; we deem it of vast importance that as Christians, we do all in our power to secure the education of our children under circumstances as favorable as possible to their moral culture.

We learn with gratitude to God, that the debt on the Seminary building at Chili, is being rapidly liquidated; the subscriptions given for this purpose, being nearly sufficient when paid to meet the amount owing thereon. We also rejoice in hearing that the present fall term has opened under very favorable circumstances; and that success is being achieved. But the school has other needs and demands which must be supplied and met, in order to its successful operation; such as a library, maps, furniture, apparatus, &c.; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in view of these facts, and inasmuch as the school at Chili is under the direction and supervision, and is the property of the Church; and purports to meet our felt necessity; that we will commend it to the patronage of the people among whom we labor; and will especially urge our members to support the same. And

*Resolved*, That during the third quarter of the coming Conference year, we will publicly present the claims of the said school, and take up a collection for its support.

### ON BIBLE CAUSE.

It is a matter of rejoicing to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ,

that God is opening up a way for the spread of his glorious gospel, from the rivers to the ends of the earth, by the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Catholicism has received her death-blow ; ancient systems of idolatry are passing away ; and the blood-stained banner of the cross is being unfurled in many places recently inaccessible, as we have long prayed for ; "God's kingdom to come, and his will to be done on earth ;" it therefore becomes us, that profess the name of Christ, to aid in circulating God's truth, not only at home, but in foreign lands. Finding in the American Bible Society an efficient agency in the accomplishment of this work, we

Resolve that it is our duty to sustain the same, and will do so by taking up contributions for this purpose, in all our societies, during the coming year.

### ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The work of Sabbath Schools is closely connected with the prosperity of the Church. We know of no field of labor where the prospect of doing good is more promising than among the young. The great work of turning the world to God, must begin with the children. To this end let the object of the work of officers and teachers be conversion, rather than catechism ; the instruction of the minds of the children in divine things, and not the pleasing of their fancy. Jesus said, "suffer little children to come unto me." Hence the duty of paying particular attention to the young. Forget not the little ones. We would advise,

1st. That discourses to children and youth be frequently given.

2d. That all our preachers be required to establish Sabbath Schools on all their charges.

3d. That care be taken to select teachers who fear and love God.

4th. That we continue to discountenance such modes of sustaining Sunday Schools, as concerts, pic-nics, Christmas trees, festivals, &c.

### ON MEMOIRS.

Death has broken our ranks. Our beloved brother W. J. Selby was the first to feel its fatal touch ; his physical frame had long seemed a frail bark among life's billows ; and yet, divinely kept, he endured many a storm ; manfully pushing on the battle of a Christian warrior.

He had preached the gospel for twenty years ; the last four of which were spent in excessive toil, as a minister of the Free Methodist Church. He died on the 26th of February, 1870, in the 41st year of his age, at the house of W. R. Dennison, of Utica, where he had sought retirement to recruit his wasted energies. The evening before his death, he retired as was supposed in a convalescent state, but to the surprise of all, left but a lifeless corpse to be gazed upon by heart-stricken friends the next morning. All appearances indicated that he had passed away without a struggle. To many, his death seemed almost a translation. The writer, (as Bro. Roberts failed to reach the place) preached his funeral sermon to a large congregation, the majority of whom seemed sincere mourners. Our loss as a Conference, and as a Church, must be deeply felt.

May the Lord bless his afflicted family with whom we deeply sympathize in their bereavement, and prepare each of us as ministers for as sudden a removal from our work to our reward.

E. OWEN.

### ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are thankful to God for the success that has attended our publications, and the good that has been done thereby ; both in our own Church and without ; and believing as we do, that the press meets a demand which nothing else can supply ; being a potent instrument for the spread of truth and error ; therefore we should use it to the very best advantage ; this is not the time for faint and misguided efforts, but for such as are strong and well directed. " Union is strength." We think the General Conference is the proper body to give both strength and guidance in our efforts to publish and sustain a denominational weekly paper ; strength by ensuring union of effort ; and guidance, because among its members are those best prepared to give direction in this matter. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to take such action as it may think best, to secure the publication of such a paper, on a safe and firm basis, as will clearly and faithfully hold forth the principles and doctrines of our holy religion. Also

*Resolved*, That we will put forth increasing efforts to increase the circulation of *The Earnest Christian*.

Should the General Conference secure the publication of a weekly paper, we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to make it a success by personal efforts in circulating it, and also by writing for it.

### ON CLAIMS.

*Resolved*, To pay the \$4.43 on hand to Sister Selby, and that a collection for a superannuated fund be taken on all our circuits during the year.

### ON STATISTICS.

See table of Statistics.

## Resolutions.

### No. 1—ON CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

*Resolved* 1st, That the Stationing Committee be requested to arrange the circuits into two or three districts as equally as possible, and report to the Conference as soon as practicable.

2d, That the Conference then elect by ballot two or three traveling Elders as Evangelists and Chairmen of Districts, to labor in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 10, Section II, Chapter III, Page 50 of the Discipline.

### No. 2—ON THE SUPERINTENDENCY.

*Resolved*, That as a Conference we are satisfied with our present economy as to the General Superintendency, and are opposed to any change.

## No. 3—PUBLISHING MINUTES.

*Resolved*, To publish our Minutes in connexion with as many of the other Conferences as will concur.

## No. 4—ON CLASS LEADERS.

*Resolved*, To petition the General Conference to enact a law providing that class leaders shall hold office for one year only unless re-elected.

## No. 5—ON THE CHRISTIAN CYNOSURE.

*Resolved*, That as a Conference we recognize in *The Christian Cynosure* a powerful agent for truth in opposing secretism ; and that we will help to increase its circulation.

Also, That a copy of the above be forwarded to the *Cynosure* for publication.

## No. 6—TIMES FOR TAKING COLLECTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we recommend our preachers to take up the collections ordered by Conference during the coming year, in the following order ;

Bible Collections, during the First Quarter.

Superannuated Fund, during the Second Quarter.

Chili School, during the Third Quarter.

Missions, during the Fourth Quarter.

And that all money collected for the Bible Cause, be forwarded to Z. Osborne, to be by him forwarded to the American Bible Society ; that all Chili School collections be forwarded to B. T. Roberts ; and that the other collections be brought to the next Annual Conference.

## No. 7—ON ADMITTING IMPROPER PERSONS TO THE LORD'S SUPPER.

*Whereas*, Our Discipline forbids the admission to the Lord's Supper among us, of any person who is guilty of any immoral or unchristian practice for which we would exclude a member of our Church ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Conference, every preacher, when about to administer that sacrament, and before reading the general invitation, should explain to the congregation who are excluded by the above-named provision ; so as to prevent any from presenting themselves as communicants who are adhering Masons, or who adorn themselves with gold, costly apparel, or superfluous ornaments.

## No. 8—CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

*Resolved*, That all candidates for examination, and all members of Examining Committees, be required to be present at Utica, on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1871, at 9 o'clock A. M.

## No. 9.—VOTE OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That the warm and earnest acknowledgments of the members and visitors of this Conference are due to the members of the Free Methodist Churches and congregations of New York, Brooklyn, and Elizabeth City, for their exceeding broad and generous invitation to all who feel any interest in Free Methodism, and for the

generous and bountiful fulfillment of their pledges, by willing hands and loving hearts.

### Remarks.

1. The Conference was held in a church now occupied by the New York F. M. Society, on West 48th street, between 8th and 9th avenues.

2. The Conference was largely attended, all the preachers belonging to the Conference being present with but three exceptions. Twenty-four laymen attended as delegates.

3. Great harmony prevailed.

4. The Conference Love Feast was a season of great power.

5. Souls were saved in the religious meetings.

6. Prospects are good for the best year Susquehanna Conference has ever known.

### Conference Preachers' Roll, and P. O. Addresses.

Year of Admission to full Connexion.	Name of Preacher.	P. O. Address.
1862.	J. Olney.....	Frankfort, Herkimer Co., N. Y.
1863.	M. N. Downing.....	Rose Valley, Wayne " "
"	W. Gould.....	Binghamton, Broome " "
1865.	J. B. Stacy.....	Corning, Steuben " "
"	Z. Osborne.....	Dryden, Cortland " "
1866.	J. Odell.....	Pittsford, Monroe " "
"	M. D. McDougall.....	Clyde, Wayne " "
1867.	W. M. Parry.....	Bainbridge, Chenango " "
"	M. Atkins.....	Nelson, Madison " "
"	B. Winget.....	Rome, Oneida " "
"	J. B. Freeland.....	Rose, Wayne " "
1868.	S. H. Bronson.....	Uniondale, Susquehanna " Penn.
"	J. W. Sawyer.....	North Cohocton, Steuben " N. Y.
"	G. W. Anderson.....	North Chili, Monroe " "
1869.	E. Bowen.....	Cortland, Cortland " "
"	E. Owen.....	Utica, Oneida " "
"	J. J. James.....	Binghamton, Broome " "
"	W. Southworth.....	Fulton, Oswego " "
"	J. Glen.....	3d Ave., between 23d and 24th sts., Brooklyn, "

1869.	T. Whiffin.....	1271 Cambridge st., Philadelphia, Penn.		
..	G. Edwards.....	Breakabeen, Schoharie Co., N. Y.		
..	D. Dempsey.....			
1870.	G. R. Harvey.....	Whitehaven, Luzerne Co., Penn.		
..	A. Fassett.....	East Webster, Monroe	"	N. Y.
..	R. W. Hawkins.....	Columbia Farm, Venango	"	Penn.
..	T. Ross.....	Smyrna, Chenango	"	N. Y.
..	C. H. Southworth.....	Black River, Jefferson	"	"
Admitted on Trial.				
1869.	G. Ferrin.....	Smyrna, Chenango	"	"
..	W. H. Steegar.....	Chittenango, Madison	"	"
..	J. Guyon.....			
..	C. M. Damon.....	Windsor, Broome	"	"
1870.	L. Kelly.....	Penn Yan, Yates	"	"
..	G. S. Severson.....			
..	E. H. Warner.....			Texas.
..	Rufus Coons....	Breakabeen, Schoharie Co., N. Y.		
..	O. M. Owen.....	Lansingburg, Rensselaer	"	"
..	W. W. Dickson.....	Broome	"	"
..	A. W. Paul.....	Liberty, Sullivan	"	"

## LOCAL PREACHERS.

G. Willard.....	West Webster, Monroe Co., N. Y
L. Woodruff.....	Windsor, Broome " "
J. Carver.....	Susquehanna, Susquehanna " Penn.
D. Colgrove.....	Edmeston, Otsego " N. Y.
Jno. Benedict.....	Plymouth, Chenango " "
D. White.....	Brookfield, Madison " "
A. L. Halliday .....	Otselic, Chenango " "
D. Walling.....	Burlington Green, Otsego " "
A. Campbell.....	Catasauqua, Lehigh " Penn.
H. Overin.....	Vineland, N. J.
W. B. Bertels.....	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne " Penn.
L. Barret.....	Alton, Wayne " N. Y.
J. Barrett.....	Rose, " " "
R. Jacobs.....	Montezuma, Cayuga " "
S. Bonny.....	Monticello, Sullivan " "
J. Osmun.....	Ithaca, Tompkins " "
L. H. Robinson.....	Summer Hill, Cortland " "
W. Griswold.....	Hanford, " " "
J. A. Baldwin.....	Beach Pond, Wayne " Penn.
O. W. Young.....	East Schuyler, Herkimer " N. Y.
S. Cronk.....	Utica, Oneida " "
James Brown.....	" " " "
G. Brazee....	Harvard, Delaware " "
D. N. Beardsley.....	331 West 44th St., New York City.
J. B. Smith.....	705 6th Avenue, " " "
John Gunison.....	88 White St., " " "
John Grey.....	351 West 48th St., " " "
B. F. Stoutenberg .....	North Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y.
J. Woodhull.....	Rome, Oneida " "

Table of Statistics.

NAME OF CIRCUIT.	No. of Members.											
	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers, etc.	S. S. Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Preachers' Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Bible Collections.	Tract Collections.	Claims.
Syracuse.....	42	54	3	1	5	20	\$271 95	\$7 50	2	\$7 20	3 20 4 43	\$5,500
Fulton.....	30	42	3	1	5	20	237 66	2	2	2	2	1,000
McGrawville, Dryden and Summer Hill.....	48	40	3	1	5	20	438	237 66	2	2	2	8,000
Clyde, Rose, Sodus and Montezuma.....	116	39	3	4	30	135	588 62	13	13	13	13	1,200
Owasco.....	14	1	1	1	1	1	151 76	1	1	1	1	4,000
Seneca Falls and Watertown.....	16	15	1	2	10	40	458 37	3 85	3 85	3 85	3 85	5,000
Bushnell's Basin, Pittsford and Ontario.....	86	4	1	2	10	40	400	105 09	10	10	10	4,700
Canandaigua and Penn Yan.....	28	15	3	1	16	70	300	171	818 86	9 76	9 76	5,000
Utica.....	98	7	105	3	1	16	72	300	818 86	9 76	9 76	4,700
Frankfort and Schuyler.....	37	6	82	2	2	9	42	186	275	275	275	5,000
Saratoga, Greenfield, Lauslingburg and Graton.....	76	3	40	2	2	9	42	186	275	275	275	5,000
Schoharie.....	15	7	62	2	3	14	85	110	215 00	3 20	3 20	1,000
Rome, Lowell and New London.....	55	7	22	1	1	2	10	215 00	3 20	3 20	3 20	1,000
Neelson and Stockbridge.....	32	2	34	1	1	2	10	215 00	3 20	3 20	3 20	1,000
Chittenango and New Guinea.....	40	97	137	2	19	100	200	500 00	10 88	10 88	10 88	10,000
Binghamton and Owego.....	55	2	57	1	1	7	26	293	076 70	5	5	5,400
Windsor, Sandford and Bainbridge.....	75	10	85	3	1	8	34	34	710 26	5	5	700
Brookfield and Edmeston.....	83	28	111	5	1	7	35	351 50	13	13	13	3,200
Gibson and Lindleytown.....	33	1	34	1	1	1	1	195	4 37	4 37	4 37	3,200
Cohocton.....	38	38	70	2	12	48	114	417 66	115	115	115	1,000
Delaware.....	45	12	57	2	1	5	20	100	115	115	115	1,000
Liberty.....	40	8	48	1	1	12	40	155	232 32	5 60	5 60	1,000
Lenox and South Canaan.....	20	3	23	1	1	4	17	170	221 40	11	11	1,000
Philadelphia, Catsagua and Allentown.....	59	10	69	2	1	5	15	15	1690 78	45	45	800
New York, Brooklyn and Elizabeth City.....	75	6	81	4	1	1	6	492	45	45	45	800
Whitehaven and Wilkesbarr.....	35	14	49	1	1	1	6	492	45	45	45	800
Riverhead and Greenpoint.....	28	13	41	1	1	1	6	492	45	45	45	800
Total.....	1319	358,1677	37	30	222	1009	2297	11062 32	246 61	30 20 3 20 4 43	53,500	

MINUTES  
OF THE  
*ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION*  
OF  
THE GENESEE CONFERENCE,

HELD AT RANSOMVILLE, NIAGARA CO., N. Y.,

Sept. 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th, 1870.

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The session was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

Rev. B. T. Roberts, General Superintendent, presided.

Rev. W. Jackson was elected Secretary, and Walter A. Sellew, Assistant.

The roll was called, and fifteen of the preachers in full connection responded to their names; and twenty-two lay delegates presented their credentials and took seats in the Conference.

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**Committees.**

*On Public Worship*—M. C. Burritt, W. H. Doyle.

*On Missions*—B. T. Roberts, J. W. Reddy, A. F. Curry, A. Abell, C. D. Brooks, C. Brainard, T. Corliss, Jesse Monroe, Dewey Tefft.

*On Sunday Schools*—F. J. Ewell, W. Manning, W. Jackson, A. F. Curry, (as provided in Report last year.)

*On Claims*—T. B. Catton, Bailey Burritt, G. W. Humphrey.



*On Bible Cause*—O. O. Bacon, T. Corliss.

*On Education*—A. Abell, L. Wood, G. W. Coleman, Claudius Brainard.

*On Temperance*—M. C. Burritt, G. W. Marcellus, G. W. Holmes.

*On Publications*—H. Hornsby, A. H. Greene, Dewey Tefft.

*To Publish Minutes*—W. Jackson, W. A. Sellew.

*To Collect Funds for Minutes*—A. A. Burgess, Joshua Annis.

*On Expenses of Delegates to General Conference*—Wm. Manning Dewey Tefft.

*On Secret Societies*—A. F. Curry, C. D. Brooks.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*To secure Legal Incorporation of the Free Methodist Church*—B. T. Roberts.

*Sunday School Board*—W. Manning, F. J. Ewell, G. W. Marcellus, E. P. Sellew, T. Corliss, W. A. Sellew, J. Olmsted, L. G. Hill. W. Manning, Corresponding Sec'y.

*Executive Committee*—A. F. Curry, J. R. Annis.

#### COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION ON COURSE OF STUDY.

*Preliminary*—H. Hornsby, J. W. McAlpine.

*First Year*—G. W. Coleman, L. Wood.

*Second Year*—C. D. Brooks, O. O. Bacon.

*Third Year*—F. J. Ewell, G. W. Marcellus.

*Fourth Year*—G. W. Humphrey, A. H. Greene.

#### Disciplinary Questions.

1. What are the names of the Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—B. T. Roberts, A. F. Curry, J. W. Reddy, E. Herrick, James Mathews, A. Abell, A. G. Terry, Levi

Wood, C. D. Brooks, J. C. Thomas, O. O. Bacon, W. Manning, G. W. Humphrey, A. H. Greene, G. W. Marcellus, Wm. Jones, H. Hornsby, Wm. Jackson, George W. Coleman, James W. McAlpine, Franklin J. Ewell, Marson E. Brown, I. C. White, Thomas B. Catton, Melville C. Burritt, John Robinson, W. R. Cusick, E. P. Sellew, A. A. Burgess, A. B. Mathewson.

*Delegates*—B. Burritt, Henry Pulis, Isaac Pomeroy, Elijah Metcalf, Dewey Tefft, Joshua Annis, Jacob Reese, G. W. Holmes, Benoni Carpenter, Jesse Monroe, W. A. Sellew, David Warner, N. A. Bennett, W. H. Doyle, Edwin Carr, Tristram Corliss, Henry Peckham, Jonas Olmsted, Thomas Sully, C. S. LaDue, M. N. Velzy, R. F. Kenyon, C. Brainard.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, J. W. Reddy, A. F. Curry, Asa Abell, C. D. Brooks, C. Brainard, T. Corliss, J. Monroe, Dewey Tefft.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial?

Charles C. Eggleston, Anthony N. Moore, S. K. J. Chesbrough, Wm. H. Trerise.

4. Who remain on trial?

None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

E. P. Sellew, A. A. Burgess, A. B. Mathewson.

6. Who are the Deacons?

E. P. Sellew,\* A. A. Burgess,\* A. B. Mathewson, J. Robinson, W. R. Cusick, S. K. J. Chesbrough.\*

\* Ordained this year.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

M. E. Brown, I. C. White, T. B. Catton, M. C. Burritt.

8. Who are located this year?

None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

E. Herrick, H. Hornsby.

10. Who have been expelled?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Their names were all separately called, and their characters examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year?

None.

14. What is the number of church members, etc.?

(See Table of Statistics.)

15. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, etc.?

One hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents.

16. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

(See Report on Claims.)

17. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

(See Appointments.)

18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

West Kendall, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1871.

### Appointments.

GENESEE DISTRICT—J. W. REDDY, *Chairman*.

Rochester .....	G. W. Humphrey.
Parma, Chili and Clarkson.....	{ G. W. Coleman,
	{ W. H. Trerise.
Sweden and Brockport.....	A. H. Greene.
Kendall.....	To be supplied. J. W. Reddy.
Albion and Gaines.....	G. W. Marcellus.
Yates and Carlton.....	M. E. Brown.
German Mission.....	J. C. Thomas,
L. Wood, Editor <i>Free Methodist</i> ,	

**BUFFALO DISTRICT**—C. D. Brooks, *Chairman*.

Buffalo.....	S. K. J. Chesbrough.
Lockport, Pendleton and Middleport....	E. P. Sellew.
Porter, Pekin and Newfane.....	{ M. C. Burritt, A. B. Mathewson.
Tonawanda, Cayuga Cr., Military Road..	C. D. Brooks.
Akron and Alden.....	J. W. McAlpine.

**WYOMING DISTRICT**—ASA ABELL, *Chairman*.

Perry and Burk Hill.....	F. J. Ewell.
Wales and West Falls.....	A. A. Burgess.
Java and Gainesville.....	W. Jackson.
Mt. Morris, Groveland, Greigsville, Leroy..	O. O. Bacon.

**ALLEGANY DISTRICT**—W. MANNING, *Chairman*.

Gowanda and Collins.....	A. N. Moore.
Otto.....	W. Jones.
Belmont and Pikeville.....	J. Robinson.
Rushford and Caseville.....	I. C. White.
Allegany.....	T. B. Catton.
Yorkshire and Cadiz.....	W. Manning.
Knapps' Creek and Farmers' Valley....	C. C. Eggleston.
A. Abell, Conference Evangelist.	
Almond, A. F. Curry.	

**Miscellaneous.**

The following resolution, passed last year, was re-adopted this year:

*Resolved*, That in the examination of character, the preachers are requested to remain, unless a vote is necessary to decide their relation.

The following ministerial and lay delegates were elected to the ensuing session of the General Conference, to be held at Aurora, Ill., commencing Oct. 12, 1870: Rev. A. Abell, Rev. H. Hornsby, Rev. Levi Wood, Rev. J. W. Reddy, G. W. Holmes, Tristram Corliss, Claudius Brainard, M. N. Velzy. The following were elected as reserve delegates: Revs. F. J. Ewell and A. H. Greene, J. R. Annis and W. A. Sellew.

The following resolution was adopted by the Conference:

*Whereas*, By recent communications in the *Free Methodist*, by members of this Conference, the abolition of the office of the General Superintendency has been recommended to the coming session

of the General Conference—thus introducing a revolution in our entire system of Church polity ; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Annual Conference, such change or changes are unadvisable at present.

Dewey Tefft, a local preacher from the Otto charge, and N. A. Bennett, a local preacher from Belmont, were elected and ordained Deacons.

Godfrey Philipps, a local preacher from the Yates and Carlton circuit, was elected and ordained Elder.

Rev. A. G. Terry was made effective, and allowed to receive an appointment within the bounds of the Susquehanna Conference. He was also recommended by the Conference, as a suitable person to be received to membership in the Susquehanna Conference, whenever he may choose to offer himself to that body.

Rev. W. R. Cusick was also recommended as a suitable person to be received by the Michigan Conference, whenever he may choose to join them.

The appointment of Rev. Jas. Mathews was left with the General Superintendent.

The sermon on the subject of Sunday Schools, ordered by the Conference of last year to be preached by Rev. F. J. Ewell, was delivered on Friday at 2 P. M. After this sermon, short and appropriate speeches were made by Revs. A. N. Moore, G. W. Coleman, G. W. Humphrey, W. Jackson, W. Manning, G. W. Marcellus, and W. A. Sellew, M. N. Velzy, T. Sully, and others. It was a very interesting and profitable occasion. Earnest S. S. men present, thought they saw in that meeting the germs of a much-needed revival of S. S. interest among us. All the preachers and laymen present pledged themselves to be more faithful and diligent in this department of the Lord's vineyard than they had ever been. One brother showed his deep interest by voluntarily contributing five dollars to a general S. S. fund.

The General Superintendent was authorized to employ Rev. A. F. Curry outside the bounds of this Conference.

A letter and commendatory papers from James Ireland, of the Methodist Church, dated Elm Flats, Chatauqua Co., N. Y., Sept. 21, asking admission to the Conference, was presented to the Conference. The letter was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Chairman of Allegany District, with instructions to ask him to attend the first Q. M. of the District.

The Secretaries were ordered to publish the Minutes in connection with those of the other Conferences.

The following, presented by A. F. Curry, was adopted

*Resolved*, That as preachers and members of our Church, we will do all in our power to sustain and promote the interests of our school at North Chili.

Rev. W. Jackson was appointed Corresponding Editor of the "Free Methodist."

Rev. B. T. Roberts was appointed a committee to secure from the Legislature a legal incorporation of the Free Methodist Church.

The appointment of committees of examination on the course of study was left with the Secretaries.

*Resolved*, That we tender a vote of thanks to the citizens of Ransomville and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Conference.—Adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. A. Abell, who, at our next session—if God spares his life—will have completed fifty years in the itinerancy, was invited to deliver a Semi-Centennial Sermon before the Conference at its next session.

Rev. G. W. Marcellus was appointed to preach the sermon on the subject of Sunday Schools at our next session, as provided in the Report on Sunday Schools.

Missionary collections were ordered to be taken soon, and forwarded to Rev. C. D. Brooks.

The following ministers preached during the session of Conference :

Tuesday evening, A. N. Moore.

Wednesday, 2 P. M., G. W. Coleman.

Wednesday, 7 P. M., W. H. Trerise.

Thursday, 2 P. M., A. H. Greene.

Thursday, 7 P. M., W. Manning.

Friday, 2 P. M., Sunday School Sermon, F. J. Ewell.

Friday, 7 P. M., M. N. Downing, Susq. Conf.

Saturday, 2 P. M., S. K. J. Chesbrough.

Sabbath, 11 1-2 A. M., B. T. Roberts.

Sabbath, 2 P. M., Levi Wood.

Sabbath, 7 P. M., W. Gould, Susq. Conf.

At 9 1-2 Sabbath morning, a love-feast, full of interest, was held. In it, several of the pioneer preachers and older laymen related reminiscences of early-day Methodism.—Some felt they were enjoying the last Conference love-feast together; while others rejoiced in prospect of being spared to perform many years of active service in the Master's vineyard.

At the close of the forenoon service, the Elders were ordained; the Deacons, at the close of the afternoon service.

The Conference business was all closed up, and the appointments read, on Saturday night; and at the close of the Sabbath evening services, the General Superintendent declared the Conference adjourned; and, feeling encouraged and strengthened by the services and mutual greetings of our annual session, the preachers went to their respective fields of labor with evident determination to be "valiant for the truth."

Table of Statistics.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	No. of Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Missionary Col- lections.	Superannuated Monies.	Bible Collections.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Deficiency from Claims.	Probable Value of Church Property.	Probable Value of Parsonages.	
Java.....	Wm. Jackson.....	70	5	75	2	45	\$5 00	\$1 00	.....	\$400 00	.....	\$4000	\$800	
West Falls and Pratham.....	A. B. Mathewson.....	43	2	45	1	75	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	2000	.....	
Cadiz and Otto.....	W. Manning.....	60	12	72	1	80	8	3	.....	550	.....	3000	.....	
Kendall.....	J. W. Reddy.....	82	8	90	2	87	10	9 60	.....	550	.....	4000	600	
Perry and Burk Hill.....	G. W. Humphrey.....	83	8	91	2	50	35 27	15	.....	525	.....	2300	1200	
Lockport and Pendleton.....	M. N. Downing.....	78	10	88	2	100	4 75	5 50	.....	434	*66 00	7500	.....	
Tonawanda and Pekin.....	J. W. McAlpine.....	65	12	77	3	90	5	5	.....	450	.....	1600	500	
Buffalo.....	A. F. Curry.....	85	1	86	1	111	5 78	7 81	.....	625	.....	10000	.....	
Yorkshire and Gainesville.....	M. E. Brown.....	45	10	55	2	30	12 60	10	.....	275	75	2500	500	
Porter and Newfane.....	M. C. Burritt.....	108	14	122	2	60	5	5	.....	500	63	1000	1000	
Wales and Alden.....	J. Robinson.....	52	9	61	2	16	.....	.....	.....	337	.....	1200	.....	
Knapp's Creek.....	C. C. Eggleston.....	12	3	15	1	30	9 23	5 12	\$5 00	835	165	5000	800	
Yates and Carlton.....	A. A. Burgess.....	74	16	90	3	135	7	5	.....	570	.....	6000	.....	
Gowanda and Collins.....	C. D. Brooks.....	107	23	130	5	8	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	5000	.....	
Mt. Morris and Groveland.....	O. O. Bacon.....	43	9	52	3	32	.....	10	16 22	450	.....	1000	800	
Sweden and Brockport.....	A. H. Greene.....	44	29	73	1	42	35 57	.....	30	800	.....	12000	.....	
Albion.....	G. W. Marcellus.....	157	29	186	3	185	.....	3 20	20	430	.....	2200	.....	
Rushford, Caseville, etc.....	Wm. Jones.....	77	4	81	2	60	3 20	3 20	.....	800	25	2200	.....	
Akron, Cary, etc.....	L. C. White.....	65	15	80	1	15	.....	2 35	.....	355	105	2200	.....	
Belmont and Pikeville.....	E. P. Sellw.....	48	18	66	1	75	.....	11 70	.....	1000	.....	11500	2000	
Parma and Clarkson.....	G. W. Coleman, A. N. Moore.....	156	24	180	3	180	25	1	40	132 58	.....	2500	2500	
Rochester.....	F. J. Ewell, Levi Wood.....	35	2	37	1	25	2 70	.....	.....	80	.....	1000	.....	
Leroy and Bethany.....	G. W. Humphrey, G. Slack.....	44	.....	44	1	20	4	5	.....	425	.....	2500	.....	
Chili.....	G. W. Anderson.....	35	.....	35	1	35	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	
Allegany.....	T. B. Catton.....	75	24	99	1	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2500	700	
* Lockport deficiency.	Total.....	1733	249	1982	37	48	1663	139 06	98 92	71 62	10124 08	509 00	108000	11400



## Reports of Committees.

### I.—ON MISSIONS.

Whole amount received.....	\$158 92
Divided as follows:	
Rochester.....	73 00
Lockport.....	36 50
Last year's deficiency.....	49 22
Total,.....	\$158 72

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1870 AND 1871.

Knapp's Creek and Farmers Valley.....	\$100 00
Rochester.....	75 00
W. R. Cusick's moving expenses west, forwarded by B. T. R....	57 00
Deficiency of 1869 and 1870.....	40 50
Total.....	\$272 50

### II.—ON CLAIMS.

Whole amount received.....	\$88 77
Divided as follows:	
Trustees Albion Church on account L. Stiles.....	\$11 70
Rev. E. Herrick.....	77 07
Total.....	\$88 77

### III.—ON EXPENSES GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Whole amount received,.....	\$119 30
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Ordered to be placed in the hands of G. W. Holmes, together with all subsequently raised for that purpose.

### IV.—ON RAISING FUNDS TO PUBLISH MINUTES.

Whole amount received.....	\$27 00
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### V.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Whole amount received,.....	\$71 62
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On which Rev. G. W. Marcellus and W. Jones were made life-members of the Bible Society, and the remainder, \$11.62, ordered to be placed on the Society's books to the credit of the Conference.

### VI.—ON EDUCATION.

Committee made a verbal report, after which Rev. B. T. Roberts gave a general account of the School at North Chili, which appears to be in successful operation.

### VII.—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We deeply deplore the increase of intemperance in our midst, which in its tide, annually sweeps multitudes of our young men on to disgrace and ruin. No other evil carrying desolation and sorrow to thousands of hearts and homes, so productive of crime and misery, squandering such a great amount of wealth would be tolerated in our midst. It is said that we as a nation when our population

was less than half of the present, sent into eternity 30,000 drunkards annually, and that one-fourth of the families of the United States were sufferers from this terrible crime. We feel that this sin is as deep as hell, and in its effects as endless as eternity. It is a fact that the American people (as well as other nations,) have a love for strong drink. This will be the more readily seen, when we consult the official reports, and thus discover to what an extent this love seeks to be gratified.

During the year 1860 there were employed 1,138 establishments for the manufacture of spiritous liquors, producing 80,453,089 gallons of whisky, high wines, and alcohol; 3,397 gallons of brandy, gin, etc.; 4,152,480 gallons of New England rum; making a total of 88,002,988 gallons. To the above must be added 970 establishments for making beer, yielding 3,239,545 barrels annually to poison the people. The value of the above was estimated to be \$42,255,311—an amount sufficient to support 1,000 missionaries at \$1,000 each annually, and to employ 51,569 ministers of the gospel at \$800 each annually. What a fearful expenditure is this to support the devil's kingdom!

Brethren, what are we doing, as a people, in the cause of temperance? While we ignore the modern mode of temperance reform, is it not a fact that we have been too lax in our efforts to support this worthy cause? It is not enough, that with folded hands, we deplore this evil, or that we raise a feeble voice against it. Moral suasion alone will not accomplish the work.

*To organize societies of Good Templars, etc., conducted not so much for the suppression of intemperance as for parade, and social amusement, has not been effectual.* What we most need is bold and united effort—organized effort, on the part of the friends of temperance, to banish forever this curse from our land. We would therefore recommend that temperance societies be organized in connection with our Sabbath schools.

*Resolved,* That we heartily adopt the platform of the Temperance party now organized in this State, and that we not only *speak* and *preach* but *VOTE* against intemperance.

#### VIII.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board would respectfully submit the following report:

We regard the matter of Sabbath-school instruction among us as one of vital importance, in the prosecution of the great work entrusted to our care.

If it be true, as is generally admitted, that the larger portion of those who are converted to Christ in the earlier years of their lives, then it must of necessity follow that this is the most successful field for Christian effort: and it illy becomes us, as the professed ambassadors of a pure Gospel, to pass it by to any extent, or to fail to cultivate it to the utmost of our ability.

Should we fail to do our duty, the field will not be unoccupied; but wicked men and false professors will lead to ruin the children of our churches and congregations, and those whom we might bring under our influence.

While we are encouraged by the existence of some advancing interests, and the success of all those who are disposed to labor, we must record it as our solemn conviction that we ought to do ten-fold more than we are doing in this department of our work : and that proper effort at this point would more than double our power for good. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st—That we regard the Sabbath School work as of *primary* and not *secondary* importance.

2d—That we urge all our preachers to preach frequently on the subject, both to adults and children, and to engage personally in Sabbath School labor, as far as possible.

3d—That we go outside of those places where schools have been organized and establish new ones.

4th—That we continue the Sabbath-School Board, to consist of one preacher and layman from each District, to be appointed by this Conference, one of whom shall be Corresponding Secretary.

5th—That it be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to correspond with all preachers in this Conference having charge of circuits or stations from time to time during the year, to ascertain what is being done on each charge, and, with some other member of said Board, to visit each District during the ensuing year.

6th—That a proper person be appointed to preach on the subject of Sabbath Schools at the Conference of next year.

7th—That we establish a Sabbath School Fund, to aid in the work as occasion may require, and that said fund shall be left in the hands of the Sunday School Board to be used at their discretion ; and that a report of the receipts and disbursements of all moneys be presented by them to the Conference of next year.

8th—That a collection be advised on each charge and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, or brought to the next Conference.

9th—That it be the duty of each preacher in charge to bring an accurate report of the number of officers and teachers and scholars, and also of all moneys collected for Sabbath School purposes, and present the same to the Sunday School Board on the first day of the session of the next Conference.

### SECRET SOCIETIES.

Since this, the Eleventh Session of our Conference, is held so near to old Fort Niagara, where the genial and intelligent William Morgan was incarcerated just forty-four years ago this present month of September, and so near, also, to that rolling river, beneath whose waters his body was plunged, by the infuriated wrath of the fraternity known then and now as "Ancient Free Masonry : " and since the same fraternity is constantly giving evidence, all over the land, that it is opposed to the liberty of the press and freedom of speech : one remarkable instance of which occurred but recently in Steuben county, this State, viz : the inhuman and brutal treatment of Rev. Mr. Rathbun, whose offence against the order was simply that of lifting his voice of warning, as all American citizens should be free to do, against their dark machinations. By this cruel treatment of this worthy minister, the fraternity have but acted in har-

mony with their teachings and obligations; for it is well known that their extra judicial oaths bind its members to visit condign punishment upon its enemies, and favor and protect its friends.

In view of such evidences of mischief and evil as are apparent everywhere, we deem it but right and proper to take the subject under consideration, and decide to stand firmly by the truth.

Already the ramifications of this institution are entwining themselves with every fibre of our government and our religious liberties, and almost the whole country, as President Finney has said, is so afraid of its power that the people dare not speak the truth concerning it.

And now the question comes home, not only to every one of us, but to all true American citizens, *shall we hold our peace?* Nay, more, Shall we hold out our hands and have the shackles put upon them? Shall the whole press be muzzled and the whole country awed to silence, and kept under the feet of this institution, so that no man shall dare speak his mind? God forbid!

But we rejoice that God is raising up many strong Christian men in other denominations to stand up boldly, as we have done from the beginning. Many of these men have themselves been members of secret fraternities, and are speaking the things they do know.

At the present time the light is increasing rapidly and shining upon these unfruitful works of darkness. We rejoice in the fact that conventions are being held, National, State and county, and that anti-secret literature is beginning to circulate so freely in the land.

Masonry is a weak institution; it will not bear the light: so let us *pray, speak, vote and work* till this abomination be swept from among us.

*Resolved*, That our preachers and people interest themselves in the circulation of *The Christian Cynosure*, a sterling anti-secret society paper, also, other anti-Masonic literature.

*Resolved*, That as many of our preachers and laymen as can, make an effort to attend the Anti-Secret State Convention,—to be held in the city of Syracuse, on the 15th of November next, and all such as can thus attend, are hereby appointed delegates.

## X.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1st—That it is highly expedient that our Church should possess itself of a sanctified periodical literature, and that the most feasible way of accomplishing this at the present time is to publish such literature ourselves.

2d—That *The Free Methodist* in respect to the general character of the matter it contains, and the fair and impartial manner in which it is conducted, merits and receives our approbation.

3d—That the interests of the Church in this matter will, in our judgment, be better promoted by individual enterprise than by making such periodicals the official organs of the Church.

4th—That we will use our best endeavors to sustain and increase the circulation of *The Free Methodist*.

5th—That we recognize *The Earnest Christian* as an efficient agency in carrying on the work of the Lord, and will give it our cordial support.

D. TEFFT, Sec'y.

H. HORNSBY, Ch'n

M I N U T E S  
OF THE  
*SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION*  
OF  
THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE,  
HELD AT SPRINGFIELD, O., COMMENCING SEPT. 29, 1870.

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Rev. E. P. Hart was elected President pro tem., and opened the session by reading of the Scriptures. Prayer by Bro. Mathews.

Rev. B. T. Roberts, General Superintendent, arrived and took the chair on Friday.

B. R. Jones was elected Secretary.

At the call of the roll, seven preachers in full connection responded to their names. Sixteen lay delegates presented their certificates and took seats in the Conference.

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**Committees.**

*On Public Worship*—L. T. Frink, A. V. Leonardson, J. Jones.

*On State of the Work*—E. P. Hart, J. A. Wilson, Richard Clark.

*On Publications*—E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, L. Reed.

*On Sunday Schools*—E. Mathews, Wells Watkins, S. Roberts.

*On Temperance*—John Ellison, L. T. Frink, Joseph Jones.

*On Missions*—C. S. Gitchell, E. P. Hart, John Nichols.

*On Secret Societies*—John Ellison, E. P. Hart, J. A. Wilson.

*On Publishing Minutes*—B. R. Jones.

*On Collecting Funds for same*—Ira Bell, A. V. Leonardson.

#### COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1871.

*Preliminary*—L. T. Frink, A. V. Leonardson.

*First Year*—B. R. Jones, John Ellison.

*Second Year*—C. S. Gitchell, J. A. Wilson.

*Third Year*—E. P. Hart.

*Fourth Year*—C. S. Gitchell, E. P. Hart.

### Disciplinary Questions.

1. What are the names of the Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—E. P. Hart, John Ellison, J. A. Wilson, Russel Wilcox, C. S. Gitchell, L. T. Frink, H. L. Jones, A. V. Leonardson, W. D. Bishop, G. H. Compton, H. Sawyer, B. R. Jones, W. H. James, Edward Mathews, W. R. Cusick, J. G. Witham, R. D. Howe, L. J. Francisco.

*Delegates*—E. T. Pettie, Joseph Jones, John Plues, Wells Watkins, Wm. Garrison, Richard Clark, L. Reed, John Henry, Joseph Wren, John Nichols, E. Howard, Jacob Leisenring, C. H. Sage, Lyman Parker, J. G. Witham, W. C. Jones.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

Rev. B. T. Roberts, Rev. E. P. Hart, Rev. John Ellison, Joseph Jones, Lyman Parker.

3. Who are admitted on trial?

Ira W. Bell, Ellsworth Leonardson, C. F. Irish, C. H. Sage.

4. Who remain on trial?

Anson Omens, E. E. Miller, W. W. Warner, E. P. Miller.

5. Who are admitted into full connexion?

H. Sawyer, B. R. Jones, Edward Mathews, W. H. James, J. G. Witham, R. D. Howe, L. J. Francisco, Wm. R. Cusick.

6. Who are the Deacons?

A. V. Leonardson, G. H. Compton, H. Sawyer, B. R. Jones, E. Mathews, W. H. James.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year?

A. C. Squires.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

H. L. Jones, R. D. Howe.

10. Who have been expelled? None.

11. Who have withdrawn, etc.? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless, etc.?

Their characters were separately examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What is the number of church members, etc.?

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts.	Value of Church Property.
Toledo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	457 38	.....
Springfield .....	72	37	109	1	6	400	\$367 00	.....	.....
Windsor .....	25	...	25	1	...	...	380 00	.....	.....
Seneca .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	57 00	.....	.....
Dublin .....	20	...	20	1	1	40	317 00	.....	\$5,000
Petersburg .....	48	17	65	3	77	244 28	.....	.....	.....
Raisinville .....	90	5	95	1	2	65	185 00	.....	2,000
Huron .....	100	45	145	1	1	20	340 00	.....	700
Ridgeway .....	89	17	106	1	1	16	447 70	.....	2,500
Ransom .....	53	4	57	4	100	112 35	.....	.....	.....
Coldwater and B. Oak	100	25	125	4	2	55	359 00	.....	1,200
Concord .....	18	...	18	1	25	44 00	.....	.....	.....
Saranac & Cooperville	78	147	225	4	3	90	624 00	.....	.....
Cleveland .....	8	3	11	1	30	243 00	.....	.....	1,200
Saginaw & Farrendv..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Isabella .....	28	2	30	1	2	40	50 00	.....	.....
Flint .....	28	4	32	...	...	...	225 00	.....	.....
Forest .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	757	306	1063	18	27	958	\$4005 33	457 38	12,600



## 15. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

TOLEDO DISTRICT—E. P. HART, *Chairman*.

Cleveland, Toledo, Holland and Whitehouse.....	{ E. P. Hart, E. Leonardson.
Delta, Ohio.....	L. T. Frink.
Mansfield and Windsor, Ohio.....	B. R. Jones.
Seneca, Ohio.....	G. H. Compton.
Dublin, Ind.....	S. Roberts.
Petersburg, Mich.....	To be supplied.
Raisinville, Mich.....	Ira Bell.
Ridgeway, Fairfield and Huron.....	{ C. S. Gitchell, H. Sawyer,
	{ E. Mathews, C. F. Irish.
Ransom, Mich.....	W. H. James.
Coldwater and Burr Oak.....	W. W. Warner, 1 to be sup.
Concord and Eckford.....	A. V. Leonardson.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—JOHN ELLISON, *Chairman*.

Grand Rapids, Mich.....	C. H. Sage.
Orleans, Mich.....	L. Francisco.
Mountcalm.....	Sup. by Bro. Marshall.
Cortland.....	J. Witham.
Coopersville.....	W. R. Cusick, C. P. Miller.
Furrandville and Saginaw.....	E. E. Miller.
Forest.....	Anson Omens.
Flint.....	J. A. Wilson.
Isabella.....	R. E. Wilcox.

W. D. Bishop, Missionary to California.

## 16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Concord, Jackson Co., Mich. Time to be appointed by the President.

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**Miscellaneous Business.**

Wm. R. Cusick, from the Genesee Conference, was received in full connection.

Septer Roberts, from the Illinois Conference, was received on trial.

Bros. L. P. Francisco and J. G. Witham were received in full connection; and their ordination as Elders recognized.

H. Sawyer, B. R. Jones, Edward Mathews, and W. R. James, were elected to Deacon's orders, and ordained on Sabbath after the morning services.

Rev. R. D. Howe was received in Elder's orders, and a superannuated relation granted.

Bro. C. H. Sage was received on trial, and his ordination as an Elder recognized.

Bro. Sam'l Marble was recommended to the notice of the District Chairman.

Bros. Wm. Gould and S. Roberts, of the Free Methodist Connection, and Bro. Crawford, of the United Brethren Church, were made honorary members of the Conference.

Rev. John Ellison was appointed to act on the Stationing Committee in the absence of R. E. Wilcox.

\$72.45 were provided to defray the expenses of delegates to General Conference.

Rev. E. P. Hart, Rev. John Ellison, Rev. C. S. Gitchell, Joseph Jones, John Plues and J. Leisenring, were elected by ballot to represent us at the General Conference.

Report of Tent Committee received and adopted ; the committee discharged, and a new one appointed composed of the following brethren, viz.: John Ellison, L. T. Frink, J. C. Waler. They were also authorized to take such measures as they shall deem best for enlarging the tent.

Bros. John Ellison and Joseph Jones were elected members of Executive Committee.

Rev. E. P. Hart was appointed a committee to petition for a reduction of Railroad fare to General Conference.

Revs. E. P. Hart and John Ellison were appointed to distribute the delegate money.

## Reports of Committees.

### I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

After carefully considering the condition of the work within the bounds of our Conference, we are satisfied it never was as prosperous as at present. And while we feel thankful to Almighty God for the success of the past year, we would remember and be grateful for the peace and harmony which generally prevail throughout our borders, both in the ministry and laity. We find our preachers, with hardly an exception, full of faith and courage ; and a readiness on the part of the laity to co-operate with them, to the extent of

their ability, in sending the uncompromising Gospel through the land. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will study to show ourselves approved of God—workmen that need not to be ashamed; and ever humbly pray for grace whereby we may be enabled, both by precept and example, to teach the art of holy living.

## II.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

*Whereas*, The Sabbath School cause is one of great interest to us as a people, and one in which we may engage with encouraging prospects of success; and

*Whereas*, We would rejoice in the gracious results of faithful labors in the past; therefore,

*Resolved*. 1. That we urge our people to increased efforts in this wide and growing field of Christian enterprise.

2. That our ministers be requested to preach at least one sermon a year in behalf of the Sabbath School cause.

3. That great care should be used in selecting library books for the use of Sabbath Schools, in order to avoid purchasing novels, or other works of fiction, so frequently found in Sabbath School libraries.

4. That we believe it to be the solemn duty of all publishing houses, Sabbath School unions, and others engaged in supplying reading matter for Sabbath Schools, to inaugurate a thorough reform in this respect, and to give us a purer and more Scriptural literature for the benefit of our children.

5. That we advise our people to organize schools, to be kept under our immediate control, whenever practicable.

6. That we believe Sabbath School conventions, and a frequent meeting together of earnest Sabbath School workers, may be productive of much good.

7. That Sabbath Schools can be, and ought to be, maintained strictly on Scriptural principles, and that they do not need to be assisted by theatrical performances, picnics, Christmas trees, or anything of the kind.

## III.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the greatest scourges of the land. It is ruining thousands every year, and sending them to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. It is a prolific source of poverty and crime. It is a reproach to our civilization and our Christianity, that the traffic in ardent spirits—the results of which are evil and only evil, is in nearly all the States sanctioned by law. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That as a Conference of Christian members, we will publicly and privately discountenance the use of intoxicating liquors, wine, cider, and beer, as a beverage.

2. That as citizens, we will give our influence and our votes in electing to civil office those men, and those only, who, as we have reason to believe, will use their influence in favor of withholding the sanction of law to the horrible traffic of intoxicating drinks.

3. That no follower of Jesus Christ—who, whatsoever he does, is commanded to do all to the glory of God—can raise those fruits or

grains for the market, which derive their market value from the facility with which they can be manufactured into intoxicating drinks.

4. That the habitual use of snuff, opium, and tobacco, to gratify a perverted and unnatural appetite, is one form of the filthiness of the flesh, from which all who profess godliness ought to cleanse themselves, and keep themselves forever clean.

#### IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows :

*Resolved*, That, while we recognize the "Earnest Christian" as the living exponent of a vital Christianity, and welcome it to our homes as the only really uncompromising advocate of Bible holiness, and promise in the future, as in the past, to give it our cordial support,—yet we feel that as a denomination, we very much need a paper which shall be strictly a Church organ, published in our interests, and controlled by the proper Church authority. And in view of the coming General Conference, we would most respectfully suggest that that body adopt such measures as in their wisdom they may deem advisable, for the publication of a weekly paper.

And, as a Conference, we pledge our hearty support to such an enterprise.

#### V.—ON MISSIONS.

Our land is filled with Bibles, dotted with churches; and to profess religion has become popular. Yet it is easily perceived, that vital Christianity is toned down to that extent that but few worship God in spirit and in truth. We believe God is raising up this people, for no other purpose than to spread righteousness and true holiness over the land. Although we form societies and organize Conferences, yet our work is of a missionary character. This position is clearly sustained, when we hear the repeated and numerous calls for help, and the manifest disposition we have to respond to those calls.

Therefore, let every circuit preacher, and all local help, after discharging their duties to their respective circuits, go into regions beyond, and strive to meet these pressing demands.

We find many places in the country, and in the cities, where the people readily and gladly embrace the truth, yet are too poor to sustain the gospel. In order that the great purposes of God be met, the spiritual interests of the poor must be cared for. Therefore, let every minister see that a missionary collection is taken up at every appointment on his circuit during the coming Conference year; also, solicit personal help from those members of our Church who are blessed with means to contribute.

The committee on Secret Societies was excused from furnishing a report.

The committee on raising funds for publishing Minutes, reported \$13.00.

## Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the committees appointed by this Conference, be required to furnish a written report during its present annual session.

*Resolved*, That the Stationing Committee be requested to reappoint Rev. W. D. Bishop Missionary to California, and that the President notify him of said appointment, and request him to organize societies wherever opportunity offers,

*Whereas*, Slackness of discipline, with reference to preachers' allowance, has hitherto proved detrimental to us ; and

*Whereas*, In the wisdom of our General Conference, a mode of procedure has been adopted ; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we enforce the necessity of pursuing the disciplinary course with reference to ministerial support.

*Resolved*, That in our Quarterly Reports, we distinguish between the amount paid by the church, and the amount received outside of the same.

*Resolved*, That the Chairmen of Districts appoint the time for taking up missionary collections during the coming Conference year.

*Resolved*, That the Minutes be published in connection with the other Conferences.

*Whereas*, Believing, as we do, that a wholesome general supervision of the interests of the denomination, during the sessions of the respective Annual Conferences and General Conference, and during the intervals of the same, is conducive to the unity, peace, and prosperity of the Free Methodist Church ; and is also a valuable auxiliary in carrying out the object of our denominational existence—viz., To promote Scriptural holiness through these lands ; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st. That we, as an Annual Conference, believe in the continuance of the office of the General Superintendent among us, and pray our coming General Conference not to abolish the same.

2. That we would hereby express our heartfelt appreciation of the present incumbent of that office, and anxiously desire that he be continued in the same.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the inhabitants of this community, our sincere thanks for kindly entertaining the members of this body during its present annual session. By rising vote.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
*ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION*  
OF  
THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE,

HELD AT WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN,  
Commencing Oct. 5th and Closing Oct. 10th, 1870.

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Rev. B. T. Roberts in the Chair.

Rev. J. G. Terrill was elected Secretary, and Rev. W. W. Kelley, Assistant.

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**Committees.**

*On Public Worship*—M. V. Clute.

*On Missions*—The Chairmen of Districts.

*On Sunday Schools*—J. G. Terrill, L. Bailey, and F. C. Tritle.

*On Secret Societies*—J. Travis, C. H. Underwood and F. C. Tritle.

*On Publications*—L. Bailey, C. H. Underwood and W. W. Kelley.

*On Education*—D. M. Sinclair, B. R. Mosher, William Cooley, C. H. Underwood.

*On Temperance*—T. S. LaDue, B. Hackney, O. P. Rogers

*On Bible Cause*—W. W. Kelley, Wm. Martin, W. C. Wright.

*To Publish Minutes*—The Secretaries.

*To Collect Funds for Minutes*—F. C. Tritle and W. W. Kelley.

*On the State of the Work*—L. Bailey, D. M. Sinclair, F. C. Tritle, M. L. Vorheis.

*Executive Committee*—J. Travis; B. Hackney.

*Tent Comuittee*—C. E. Harroun, L. Bailey, D. M. Sinclair

#### EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY.

*Preliminary Course*—S. A. Gilley, M. L. Vorheis.

*First Year*—W. W. Kelley, B. F. Doughty.

*Second Year*—C. H. Underwood, J. W. Dake.

*Third Year*—M. V. Clute, C. W. Frink.

*Fourth Year*—D. M. Sinclair, T. S. LaDue.

#### Disciplinary Questions.

1. What are the names of Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—J. W. Dake, J. Mead, J. Travis, J. G. Terrill, T. S. LaDue, J. C. Washburne, J. P. Shattuck, J. Buss, D. M. Rose, M. V. Clute, C. H. Lovejoy, Isaac Bliss, C. E. Harroun, Peter Chalman, William Cooley, W. F. Manley, L. Bailey, J. W. Caine, W. H. Neal, Robert Abell, D. M. Sinclair, W. W. Kelley, C. W. Frink, B. F. Doughty, J. E. Whiting, C. H. Underwood, N. Cook, James Mathews, N. E. Parks, W. A. Nobles, Oliver Wisner, Henry S. Mathews.

*Laymen*—F. C. Tritle, O. P. Rogers, D. A. Fay, James Craig, B. R. Mosher, William Martin, J. J. Schuyler, B. Hackney, W. C. Wright, Charles Parker, M. L. Vorheis, S. Hanson, Elias Peachey, George A. More John Hardee, S. Mummey, S. C. Curtis, Thomas Vipon, J. S. Updike, E. S. Cook.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, J. Travis, L. Bailey, J. G. Terrill, D. M.

Sinclair, T. S. LaDue, R. R. Mosher, F. C. Tritle, S. Hanson, James Craig, D. A. Fay, B. Hackney.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial?

S. A. Gilley, Martin L. Vorheis, Emory Z. Twing, Moses Collins, Charles A. Brandt, John Wilson.

4. Who remain on trial?

James M. Y. Smith, G. C. Coffee, Peter Lynch.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

N. E. Parks, W. A. Nobles, Oliver Wisner, Henry S. Mathews; C. H. Underwood, re-admitted; James Mathews, from the Genesee Conference; N. Cook, from the Methodist Church.

6. Who are the Deacons?

N. E. Parks, Moses Collins, James Scott, local preacher recommended from Freeport District, and David Sprouse, local preacher from the M. E. Church, were ordained this year. Isaac Bliss, W. F. Manley, J. W. Cain, W. A. Noble, G. C. Coffee.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

W. W. Kelley, C. W. Frink, Charles E. Lum, recognized as a local Elder, having been ordained in the M. E. Church.

8. Who are located this year?

J. E. Whiting and Robert Abell were located at their own request.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?  
Judah Mead.

10. Who have been expelled?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Their names were called, and characters passed.

13. Who have died this year?

None.

14. What is the number of church members, etc.?



Table of Statistics.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	No. of Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Money Expended.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Missionary Col- lections.	Tracts.	Superannuated Monies.	Bible Collections.	Probable Value of Church Property.
Chicago.....	J. Travis.....	34	1	34	3	1	1	10	50	210	\$506 00				\$92 00	\$12000
Aurora.....	C. H. Underwood.....	79	7	77	2	1	1	10	210	800	800					3500
St. Charles and Geneva.....	W. W. Kelley.....	71	6	77	2	2	2	22	80	600	240	\$12 15				5000
Elgin and Chiltonville.....	D. M. Sinclair.....	49	4	53	1	2	18	75		500	500	6 84			4 71	2000
Lodi.....	J. W. Lake.....	42	3	45	2	2	22	90	200		500					6000
Marengo and Belvidere.....	J. M. Y. Smith, A. Gilley.....	77	15	92	2	3	21	616	507		722				30	8000
Crystal Lake.....	C. E. Harroun.....	60	2	62	1	1	10	75	100	\$10	507				10	4000
Winnebago.....	Robert Abell.....	69	11	70	1	1	3	41	165	250	85	5				3000
Winnipeg.....	W. Cooley.....	61	6	67	1	1	4	24	123	378	375					500
Ashton.....	G. C. Corfee.....	55	28	83	1	1	4	12			375					2000
Big Patch & New Diggings.....	J. W. Cain.....	52	11	63	1	1	4				375					
Dewitt.....	L. Bailey.....	27	10	37	1						400					
Freeport.....	J. Bus.....	21	16	37	2						402					
Savannah, etc.....	M. V. Clure, C. W. Frink.....	61	69	130	1	6	38	195	450		500			3		3500
Whitewater and Lagrange.....	N. Cook.....	39	10	49	1	1	6	30	60							
Tremplean Co., Wis.....	T. S. LaDue.....	62	13	75	4	1	5	30			350					500
Cannon Falls, etc.....	J. G. Terrill.....	92	9	101	3	2	14	162		39	600					4000
Galva and Kewanee.....	B. F. Doughy.....	130	42	162	4	4	48	155	220	85	559					500
Fairfield.....	W. F. Manly.....	35	1	36	1						481	6 65	2 20			500
Manlius.....	J. E. Whiting.....	51	2	53	2	2	16	140			280					3500
Lebanon.....	Peter Lynch.....	60		60	1	1		50								
Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis.....	Moses Collins.....	150		150				50								
Morgan St., St. Louis.....	Peter Chalmers.....	17	4	21	2											
Scandinavian Mission.....	J. Mathews, C. Lovejoy.....	200		200				100								
Kansas.....		1565	268	1834	34	40	306	1763	3094	242	8891 00	54 49	12 67	7 20	134 71	54,100

## 17. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

FOX RIVER DISTRICT—D. M. SINCLAIR, *Chairman*.

Chicago.....	J. M. Y. Smith
Aurora.....	C. H. Underwood
St. Charles, Geneva, Elgin, Clintonville.....	D. M. Sinclair, W. F. Manley
Lodi.....	J. W. Dake
Crystal Lake.....	C. E. Harroun
Marengo and Belvidere.....	M. V. Clute and C. W. Frink

FREEPORT DISTRICT—L. BAILEY, *Chairman*.

Winnebago and Freeport.....	L. Bailey and C. A. Brandt
Savannah, Morseville and Lena.....	J. Buss
Platteville, Big Patch, New Diggings.....	G. C. Coffee and N. E. Parks
Ashton.....	W. A. Nobles
Dewitt, Iowa.....	W. W. Kelley
Otter Creek and Cedar Rapids.....	J. W. Caine and Jas. Scott, supply

WISCONSIN DISTRICT—J. TRAVIS, *Chairman*.

Whitewater.....	J. Travis
Aztelan, Milford, Deanville and Calamus.....	W. Cooley

GALVA DISTRICT—J. G. TERRILL, *Chairman*.

Galva and Kewanee.....	J. G. Terrill and M. L. Vorheis
Manlius and Sheffield.....	S. A. Gilley
Center Prairie.....	J. Wilson
West Victoria.....	To be supplied
Swedish Mission.....	Peter Chalman
Lebanon and Alma.....	David Sprouse, supply
Morgan street, St. Louis.....	Moses Collins
Mt. Pleasant, ".....	Peter Lynch
St. Louis.....	To be supplied

MINNESOTA DISTRICT—T. S. LADUE, *Chairman*.

LaCrosse Valley.....	E. Z. Twing
Pleasant Valley.....	N. Cook
St. Paul and Hudson.....	T. S. LaDue
Cannon Falls.....	To be supplied
Pine Island.....	E. N. Sumner, C. W. LaDue, supplies
Blue Earth.....	J. Bridley, supply
Forest.....	H. C. Ayers, supply
Antrim.....	I. Briddell, supply

NORTHERN KANSAS DISTRICT—C. H. LOVEJOY, *Chairman*.

Lawrence.....	C. H. Lovejoy
Olathe and Captain's Creek.....	To be supplied
Solomon River.....	To be supplied
Sac and Fox.....	Isaac Bliss
Lincoln, Nebraska.....	W. H. Neal

SOUTHERN KANSAS DISTRICT—JAS. MATHEWS, *Chairman*.

Ottawa and Ohio City.....	J. Mathews
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Springfield and Garnett.....	W. N. Hanby, supply
Limestone.....	H. S. Mathews
Uniontown and Fort Scott.....	Oliver Wisner
Cowley Co.....	Moses Miller, supply
Radical City.....	Nelson H. Hanby, supply

16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?

At Galva, Illinois. The time to be fixed by the General Superintendent.

### Miscellaneous.

Rev. Wm. Gould, of the Susquehanna Conference, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat.

Rev. James Mathews, of Kansas, at the invitation of the Conference, gave a very interesting statement of the work in Kansas.

Septer Roberts, a probationer in this Conference, having united with the Michigan Conference, and Charles M. Damon, also a probationer in this Conference, having united with the Susquehanna, were dismissed.

Decision by the Chair: Persons removing from a circuit, should be reported as members, until disposed of according to Discipline.

Rev. J. Travis and F. C. Tritle were appointed delegates to the Convention of the Anti-Secret Society Association, to be held in Philadelphia in June next. The Chairmen of Districts were appointed a committee to raise funds to defray the expenses of said delegates.

Rev. David Sprouse, a local paeachea of the M. E. Church, was received by the Conference into the Church, and recommended to the Chairmen of Districts as a suitable person to be employed on a circuit.

The Conference ordered that the vote for General Conference Delegates be taken for one at a time. J. Travis, L. Bailey, D. M. Sinclair, J. Mathews, were elected as ministerial delegates; and B. R. Mosher, F. C. Tritle, B. Hackney,

O. P. Rogers, were elected as lay delegates. J. G. Terrill, M. V. Clute, ministers, and E. S. Cook and J. S. Updike, laymen, were elected reserves.

All ministers to be examined in Conference studies, are requested to be present for examination at Galva, on the Tuesday preceeding the session of Conference.

The time for Conference collections, was left to the preachers in charge of each circuit.

The Missionary Collections will be taken to the next Conference, and handed in with the circuit reports.

L. Bailey, and B. Hackney, were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Society.

The collections for the superannuated, were ordered to be paid to Judah Mead.

An appropriation of \$25. was made to J. M. Y. Smith, from the Missionary money on hand. The Conference ordered that the balance \$59.30 be paid to Peter Chalman, to be disbursed by him in aid of the mission work among the Swedes.

The Conference voted its thanks to the people of White-water for their hospitality; and to Dr. Belknap for the use of his school building for the meeting of the stationing Committee.

The Secretaries were authorized to appoint the Examining Committee for next year.

### Resolutions.

1—That the ordinations by the Kansas Elders be recognized.

2—That the General Conference authorize the Superintendent to visit the Minnesota work, and if thought best, to organize the Minnesota Conference, including LaCrosse Valley, and Pleasant Valley circuits.

3—That a copy of the report on Secret Societies be forwarded to *The Cynosure* for publication.

4—CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING.—*Resolved*, 1st—That said

Camp Meeting shall be under the control and direction of a committee, consisting of each preacher in charge, within the bounds of the Conference, and one layman from each circuit appointed by him, of which D M. Sinclair shall be chairman: said committee to be subject to his call; five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

5—That the Conference Camp Meeting Committee be instructed to prohibit all huckstering, and boarding tents on the camp ground, and that they publish the same in their call for the Camp Meeting.

6—That the Conference forbids the use of the Conference tent-property, except for the purpose of holding religious meetings under the direction of the Tent-Committee.

## Reports of Committees.

### I—ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils and ravages of intemperance are rapidly and alarmingly on the increase. The liquor dealers of our country are combining into a powerful body, which is exerting a marked influence on the political interests of some of our States and communities. Men of foresight are apprehensive that a great political conflict is impending, the controlling element of which for evil will be this liquor influence. The secret temperance organizations have proven a rope of sand in resisting this tide of intemperance. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1—That we will be more earnest than ever in our opposition to rum trafficking and drinking; and that we will preach more earnestly and frequently against it, and make more thorough organized effort.

*Resolved*, 2—That we will, as far as possible, use our political influence against it.

*Resolved*, 3—That we discountenance the cultivation for sale of those plants and grains which derive their market value from their use in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

*Resolved*, 4—That we readopt the resolution of the temperance report of last year, namely:

That we will not use alcoholic or fermented wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper; and that we recommend the stewards on all our charges to put up in the fall of the year, where they can be obtained, a sufficient quantity of grapes to make wine for the sacrament; and where they can not be obtained, that they prepare from raisins wine for sacramental occasions.

*Resolved*, 5—As we regard the common and habitual use of tobacco as a species of intemperance, closely related to that of rum, filthy, disgusting, health-destroying; involving a squandering of money, and of pernicious example—that we are utterly opposed to it, believing it to be utterly incompatible with purity of heart and life—and lasting and enduring clearness of Christian experience.

*Resolved*, 6—That as we have taken decided ground against popular evils—for instance, the wearing of jewelry, to be consistent we

must take ground equally as strong against this evil which we believe is fully as objectionable as the wearing of jewelry, and we hereby petition our coming General Conference to insert a Section in our discipline by which the rule found among our General Rules, against softness and needless self-indulgence shall be brought to bear with its full force against the use of tobacco in any form.

## II—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

The position we as a Church have assumed with reference to the Secret Orders of our time, renders it imperative for us to speak clearly and positively in their condemnation,—expose the enormity of their sins, and by every honorable means resist their progress, break up their unhallowed alliance with the political, social and religious interests of this great country, and flatly deny their blasphemous pretensions to a reformatory system of religious rites and ceremonies. Now that the issue is made, and the battle set in array, to be silent or inactive, would not only be cowardly, but criminal indeed. Hence we re-affirm the report of the committee of 1867, whereby censure is passed upon the Christian ministry for their complicity with these earth-born, and therefore ungodly associates, and do most earnestly entreat all who name the name of Christ to depart from this iniquity. "Ye can not serve two masters." These orders professedly aim at the salvation of men. To do this vows are imposed which a Christian can not take, and a Christless one at which devils only can rejoice; while Christ and his Church teach the doctrine of repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, as the only hope of the race. It is plain that two systems so absolutely incompatible with each other can not harmoniously exist in a Christian land. Either they or we must inevitably fall. They trust in numbers; we in the living God. Their Bible, their God, their doctrine of the resurrection, their theory of government are all out of harmony with the views held on the subject by the Church of Christ; and to adopt them, or in the remotest way connect them with our holy religion, would exhibit an alarming want of fidelity to God and his cause.

We recognize with pleasure the fact that a class of literature which is readable and safe is coming into circulation upon this subject, and that the secular and religious press are speaking out boldly. Among these are *The Free Methodist*, *The Religious Telescope*, *The American Baptist* and others; and *The Christian Cynosure*, whose columns are devoted principally to this work. The National Association organized in the interests of this great work, has thus far been a success, and is likely to secure the co-operation of the children of light from one end of the land to the other, and we recommend it as worthy of the patronage of this Conference.

## III—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is hadly necessary to say that we have not in the least lost sight of the importance of continuing to circulate everywhere, wholesome religious reading matter. As such *The Earnest Christian* needs no commendation from us. It goes forth independently to Europe, and

to nearly every State in the Union, commending itself by manifestations of the truth. *The Free Methodist* has spread abroad quite rapidly considering the obstacles it has had to encounter, and has afforded a medium of communication with the world at large, on many and vital questions. As a repository of our denominational news, we find it invaluable.

We cannot well do without a denominational paper. The present relation of *The Free Methodist* to us is, however, not satisfactory. An individual enterprise that must have continued donations from the people does not rest upon a proper nor a reliable basis. The management and matter has not fully commended itself to our judgment. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to adopt measures to afford us if expedient, a denominational paper established upon a reliable basis, and adapted as fully as possible to the religious necessities of the people within the scope of our influence.

*Resolved*, That *The Earnest Christian* should be in every family, and that we vigorously continue the effort to so present it to the people that this may be accomplished.

*Resolved*, That *The Christian Cynosure*, being engaged in letting the light into the darkness of superstition, Secretism and American Paganism; has our earnest sympathy, and shall have our hearty co-operation.

#### IV—ON EDUCATION.

We most heartily concur in the sentiment expressed by the committee of last year, namely: "Religion and intelligence go hand in hand." Upon the perpetual wedlock of these depends the purity of the Christian Church, and the stability of government. The very genius of our Christianity involves a high degree of moral purity, and intellectual improvement. Ignorance forms no part of the religion of Christ. Darkness, intellectual or otherwise, is the natural birth-place, and the constant abode of vice. Intelligence is the enemy of all these, and adds lustre to our holy religion. Were it not that the educational systems of to-day have become alienated from the religion of Christ, the progressiveness of the age would tend to advance the kingdom of Christ, and promote the divine glory among men. For this reason we regret that the demand is made to remove the Bible from the Common Schools. Nothing could work greater disaster to the educational interests of this great country, or bring a greater calamity upon the Church, than to separate the moral from the intellectual in our systems of instruction. God has joined them by an inseparable bond. Their interests are so interwoven, that to undo them, will be to destroy them. The Church might be able to look after the morals of those under her immediate care, but the masses would be left to the mercy of a cold sentimentalism or a philosophic virtue little better than that of the Stoics, or French infidelity. The heart and the head must be educated together to expect that true greatness will adorn the character. We are devoutly thankful that the people are waking up to this great truth, and that schools are being founded in which the moral as well as the scientific is being recognized as essential to the proper training of

the young. Among these we would recommend the school at North Chili, Monroe county, N. Y., as worthy the patronage of this Conference.

#### V—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The harmony and tranquility of our work as a whole during the past year has not been exceeded, if equaled by any year since we were a Conference, and the openings were never so numerous and encouraging as at present. All around on the borders of the frontier a revival spirit has been prevailing for sometime past, and still continues in a gracious extension of the work of God. Our general gatherings have been characterized by deep personal heart work. A settled purpose to follow Christ at whatever cost, has been almost universally exhibited; and the spirit of self-sacrifice and practical Godliness, we are happy to state, is clearly on the increase. All of the more recently established societies have, in the main, been prospering, and many new openings made for the self-denying men whom God has graciously sent among us to share our toil and his blessings.

The great central doctrine of the Bible, namely: holiness unto the Lord, although frequently counterfeited, and thus brought into disrepute, continues to be in our estimation incomparably vital and glorious as a Christian privilege and duty; and as a state of preparation for the exercise of practical power in the salvation of souls. In some of our older societies, where they had not been as peaceful and prosperous as desirable, correction by a conscientious and wholesome maintenance of discipline, has so far produced salutary effects in restoring harmony and Christian confidence, and thus preparing them to exert a saving influence in the communities in which God designed they should be as lights in the world.

We are painfully conscious of many imperfections still existing among us, and while God is in many respects blessing us notwithstanding these; we feel that our usefulness and happiness as they are, ought to lead us to consider what they might be were we only as holy as it is our privilege, and each and all entirely devoted to God—breathing the whole spirit of missionaries. Our failures where they exist, are the result of a want of faith—of real trust in God's word. The great things of eternity are dim and distant, because the vision of faith is obscured, and things of this world occupy the mind. Whatever else we need, very greatly we need a mighty faith,—a living, active, appropriating faith; that we may as one man move forward in the aggressive work of the Lord. We must while we helplessly depend upon God,—we absolutely must work with our might, keeping our covenant with the Lord of Hosts. In thus keeping our covenant we cannot ignore nor neglect the specific demands of our Discipline in any essential respect, nor lower the standard of its requirements. The history of the past shows that the work of God has always enjoyed the most permanent prosperity when accompanied by the strictest administration of discipline, maintained not for wrath, but for conscience's sake. Such is the record of the Church in all ages, and it is consistent that we take heed thereunto as unto the voice of God. The floods of iniquity



surge against us on every side—pride, ambition, worldly lust, time-serving policy, pleasure-seeking, in its varied forms, whose name is legion; and not the least of all, an ungodly spirit of irresponsibility, misnamed charity; coupled with the most insidious errors in doctrine—such, with the constant tendency to formalism, are the foes we have to meet at every step; and in organized and systematic array, these enemies of righteousness compass us about. They will not soon make peace with us if we live Godly. And therefore, with a sense of our entire dependence upon the God of Israel, and an undying love for immortal souls, we have but one alternative, namely: to wage perpetual warfare against the great principles of evil in whatsoever form they may find a development, and thus help to rescue a lost race from impending ruin.

#### VI—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

*Whereas*, We believe the American Bible Society is doing a great work in circulating the Holy Scriptures without note or comment. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will heartily co-operate with said Society.

#### VII—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is highly proper that our Annual Conference should take cognizance of our Sabbath School work, and from time to time plainly express its opinion upon all questions that it deems of vital importance.

We have the pleasure of reporting 40 Schools, 306 Officers and Teachers, and 1,653 Scholars. A gain for this year of 12 Schools, 65 Officers and Teachers, and 540 Scholars. This is encouraging, but if we had full financial reports, it would be still more so. We need to know how much money is being expended,—how raised, and for what paid out. We want to know the best methods of raising money, and the most economical method of expending it. Sabbath School Libraries are very expensive at the best. In most cases they are a positive nuisance. The excitement incident to distributing a library in the school, is fatal to the impression made by the lesson. Works of a very pernicious character will creep in, in spite of all efforts to the contrary: and secular reading though good in its place is wrong on the Sabbath. The money can be more economically expended in furnishing the teachers with such information and apparatus as will assist them in the practical working of the school.

In many schools the children's penny collections are expended for papers and books. We think this is wrong. It is training the children to a religious selfishness, equally pernicious with selfishness of any other kind. We should train them to practical benevolence, and for this their pennies can be turned to good account.

In our work we should aim as high as the will of God, and measure all our work and the means we use in accomplishing it, by that standard; and with the blessing of God, we may look for the same results in the Sabbath School, as in our other means of grace.

# M I N U T E S

## OF

# KANSAS and MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

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The Kansas and Missouri Conference was organized by vote of the General Conference, held at Aurora, Ill., commencing Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 1870.

The Committee on Boundaries of said General Conference reported as follows, recommending

That a new Conference be formed, to be called the Kansas and Missouri Conference, to embrace the States of Kansas, Missouri, and the Territory of Nebraska, and also including the Alma and Lebanon circuits in the State of Illinois.

The report was adopted.

The President, B. T. Roberts; C. H. Lovejoy and J. Mathews, Chairmen of the Northern and Southern Kansas Districts of the Illinois Conference, arranged the appointments on the said work, and reported as follows:

### NORTHERN KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

C. H. LOVEJOY, *Chairman*.

Lawrence.....	C. H. Lovejoy
Olatha, Captain's Creek and Belleville.....	One to be supplied
Sac and Fox Agency.....	I. Bliss
Nebraska.....	W. H. Neal, one to be supplied
Solomon River.....	To be supplied
North Missouri.....	To be supplied

### SOUTHERN KANSAS DISTRICT.

J. MATHEWS, *Chairman*.

Ottawa and Ohio City.....	H. Mathews
Springfield and Garnett..	To be supplied by Z. Phillips, W. N. Hanby
Limestone.....	O. Wisner, one to be supplied
Cowley County.....	To be supplied by M. Miller
Radical City.....	Supplied by T. J. Addis and N. Hanby

## ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.

J. MATHEWS, *Chairman*.

St. Louis, (Morgan St.).....Moses Collins  
 Mount Pleasant.....P. Lynch  
 Lebanon and Alma.....Supplied by D. Sprouse

The said appointments were ratified by the General Conference.

For Statistics of the above circuits, see Table of Statistics of the Illinois Conference.

The first session of the Conference is to be held some time in March, 1871, day and place to be arranged by the General Superintendent.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE  
**GENERAL CONFERENCES**  
OF THE  
**FREE METHODIST CHURCH.**

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The First General Conference of the Free Methodist Church was held at St. Charles, Kane Co., Illinois, commencing on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 1862, and continued its sittings until Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1862.

OFFICERS.		
B. T. ROBERTS, <i>President.</i>	J. TRAVIS, <i>Secretary.</i>	
MEMBERS.		
Ministers.	Laymen.	
Illinois Conference.....	{ J. W. Redfield,	O Joslyn,
	{ J. Travis,	B. F. Hackney,
Genesee Conference.....	{ L. Stiles,	G. W. Holmes,
	{ A. Abell,	H. Hartshorn,
Susquehanna Conference...	W. Cooley.	J. T. Collins.

It was resolved, that the name of the Annual and General Meetings of the Church be changed from Conventions, (the name previously used,) to Conferences.

The Conference was organized on the basis of the Discipline adopted at Pekin, Aug. 23d, 1860.

The time of the Conference was mainly employed in revising the said Discipline; and the results are embodied in the edition of Discipline published in 1862.

B. T. Roberts was re-elected General Superintendent for the ensuing four years.

The Conference adjourned on Wednesday, the 16th, to meet at Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 4th, 1862.

Some of the delegates in attendance at St. Charles not being present, the following reserve delegates were received in their stead :

Susquehanna Conference—J. S. Whitney, layman, in place of J. T. Collins.

Genesee Conference—L. Wood, minister, in place of L. Stiles ; and T. Roberts, in place of G. W. Holmes, layman.

The adjourned session continued its sittings until Thursday, the 7th, when a final adjournment was made.

## SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Second General Conference commenced its sittings in the city of Buffalo, Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 1866, and continued them until Saturday, 13th, when it adjourned to meet at Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., Monday, Oct. 15th, 1866, where it continued in session until Thursday, Oct. 18th, 1866.

### OFFICERS.

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—J. W. Reddy ; *Assistants*—E. P. Hart, A. A. Phelps.

### MEMBERS.

	Ministers.	Laymen.
Genesee Conference.....	H. Hornsby,	B. Burritt,
	A. Abell,	G. W. Holmes,
	L. Wood,	J. Wilson,
	J. W. Reddy,	M. N. Velzy,
Illinois Conference.....	J. McCreery,	B. Hackney,
	J. Travis,	O. P. Rogers,
Susquehanna Conference.	D. W. Thurston,	G. W. Barner,
	Wm. Cooley,	A. H. Knapp,
Michigan Conference.....	E. P. Hart.	J. Plues.

Standing Committees on Itinerancy, Superintendency, Revision of Discipline, and Judiciary, consisting of one minister and one layman from each Conference, were ordered ; also, Committees on Education and Publication, State of the Country, and Public Worship.

On Oct. 19th, W. Cooley was excused from attendance during the remainder of the session, and M. N. Downing, reserve, was admitted in his place.

The time was principally occupied in revising the Discipline, and the results are embodied in the edition published in 1866.

**RESOLUTIONS.**—The following Resolutions, having the force of law, were adopted, and ordered to be placed on the Conference Journal:

Nos. 1 and 2—**ON THE SECRETARYSHIP.**—*Resolved*, That the Secretary, when elected, shall hold his office until his successor is elected.

That the Secretary be the custodian of the General Conference Records and Journal.

No. 3—**ON HOP-GROWING.**—That in our opinion, the raising of hops for the general market, is a violation of the rule of Discipline prohibiting "evil of every kind;" and also the rule prohibiting the doing "of what we know is not for the glory of God."

No. 4—**ON THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY.**—*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be empowered to elect an additional Superintendent, if in their judgment the cause of God demands it.

No. 5—**ON MISSIONS.**—*Resolved*, That the General Superintendent have charge of all missions outside of the recognized bounds of an Annual Conference.

No. 6—**ON BOUNDARIES.**—*Resolved*, That any question of boundaries that may arise, be referred to the Executive Committee.

No. 7—**DISAPPROVAL OF CONFERENCE ACTION.**—*Resolved*, 1st, The action of the Susquehanna Conference, in passing a certain resolution on the use of tobacco, be disapproved; the said Conference having transcended its powers, in attempting to enact laws. [The resolution referred to was passed by the Susquehanna Conference of 1866, and reads as follows: "*Resolved*, That if any of the preachers of this Conference are known to indulge in the use of tobacco, either by chewing or smoking, during the coming year, they shall, at the next session of the Conference, be discontinued from the traveling connexion."]

2d, That the action of the Susquehanna Conference in receiving W. J. Selby into full connexion after but one year's trial, be disapproved.

**LAW QUESTION.**—The following question was asked: "Has an Annual Conference authority, under the Discipline, to try a probationer upon charges of immoral conduct?"

Conference voted nay—12 to 5.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—On the presentation of the report of the Committee on Superintendency, it was voted to elect but one, by 13 to 2;

And Rev. B. T. Roberts was re-elected by ballot, receiving 17 of the 19 votes cast.

A committee was appointed to apply to the Legislature of New York, for the incorporation of the Free Methodist Church.

It was resolved, that "We recognize the importance of the *Earnest Christian* as an auxiliary in our work, and that we will use our influence in extending its circulation.

It was resolved to hold the next General Conference at Aurora, Kane Co., Ill., commencing Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 1870.

### THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Third General Conference met at Aurora, on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 1870, and continued its sittings daily, Sunday excepted, until Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1870.

#### OFFICERS.

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—W. Gould; *Assistant Secretary*, J. Mathews.

#### MEMBERS.

	Ministers.	Laymen.
Genesee Conference.....	J. W. Reddy,	G. W. Holmes,
	A. Abell,	M. N. Velzy,
	L. Wood,	T. Corliss,
	F. J. Ewell,	C. Brainard,
Susquehanna Conference.	E. Owen,	L. Woodruff,
	J. B. Freeland,	J. Mackey,
	W. Gould,	F. A. Town,
	M. N. Downing,	— — —
Illinois Conference.....	J. Travis,	B. Hackney,
	J. Mathews,	B. R. Mosher,
	D. M. Sinclair,	O. P. Rogers,
	L. Bailey,	F. C. Tritle,
Michigan Conference.....	E. P. Hart,	J. Plues,
	G. S. Gitchell,	J. Jones,
	J. Ellison.	J. Leisenring.

Standing Committees, consisting of one minister and one layman, were appointed on Itinerancy, Revisal of Discipline, Superintendency, Publications, Education, and Conference Boundaries; also, Committees on Secret Societies, Temperance, Sunday Schools, and the Religious Instruction of the Young.

APPEAL CASES.—No. 1. D. A. Cargill appealed from the decision of the Judicial Committee appointed by the Susque-

hanna Annual Conference, expelling him from the Conference and Church, for immoral and unchristian conduct.

L. Wood appeared as counsel for appellant; W. Gould appeared on behalf of the Susquehanna Conference.

A petition of the appellant was presented, asking for a new trial; and a paper, purporting to contain new evidence, was presented and read. It was voted not to grant the petition, the new evidence not being deemed sufficient.

The minutes of the trial were read, and pleas made by the counsel.

The decision of the Susquehanna Conference Committee was sustained by 23 for, none against.

No. 2. D. W. Thurston appealed against the decision of Susquehanna Annual Conference, excluding him from the Conference and Church for teaching erroneous doctrine.

J. W. Reddy appeared as counsel for appellant. W. Gould appeared as counsel for the Susquehanna Conference.

Motion was made to have this case referred to committee.

The President ruled, that General Conference has no power to appoint such a committee under the present Discipline.

The motion was then withdrawn.

All the delegates from the Susquehanna and Genesee Conferences, pledged themselves not to vote in deciding on this appeal case.

The minutes of the trial before the Susquehanna Conference were then read, and pleas made by the counsel.

The decision of the Susquehanna Conference was sustained by 13 to 0—being the entire number of votes of the Illinois and Michigan Conference delegation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—The following regulations were adopted for the guidance of its action during the session:

1. That all resolutions, and proposed amendments of Discipline, be offered in writing.
2. A majority of the members of either of the committees shall be a quorum for the transaction of its business.
3. All proposed changes of the Discipline to be first voted on to get the mind of the Conference; and if approved, laid over for a final vote at a future sitting.
4. No member to be allowed to speak more than twice on any question, without the consent of the Conference.

REPORTS.—The Committee on *Conference Boundaries* reported, recommending—



1. No change in the present boundaries of the Susquehanna, Genesee, and Michigan Conferences.

2. That a new Conference be formed, to be called the Kansas and Missouri Conference.

3. That the States of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and also the Lebanon and Alma circuits in the State of Illinois, be included within the bounds of said new Conference. The report was adopted.

Appointments of preachers for said Conference were made by the General Superintendent, C. H. Lovejoy, and J. Mathews; reported, and ratified by the General Conference. (See Kansas and Missouri Minutes.)

*Amendments of Discipline.*—The following amendment to the General Rules was passed unanimously, and ordered to be submitted to each of the Annual Conferences:

After the words "softness and needless self-indulgence," on page 31, add the following words: "especially chewing, snuffing, or smoking tobacco, for the gratification of a depraved appetite."

It was also ordered, that the General Superintendent submit to each of the Annual Conferences the following amendment of Discipline:

On page 38, after the words "Itinerant ministry," in the restrictive rules, add the words, "a General Superintendency."

For action under the reports of the *Committee on the Revisal of Discipline*, see new edition of Discipline of 1870.

On the presentation of the report of the *Committee on Itinerancy*, the following action was taken:

1. That in all cases where tables of statistics are given in the reports of Annual Conferences, the totals of columns of items should be reported.

2. That in all cases where persons are recommended to be received on trial in an Annual Conference, or are recommended for orders, the Journals of the Conferences should show where and by whom the said recommendations were made.

3. The practise of electing Presidents *pro tem.* in several of the Annual Conferences, otherwise than by ballot, was disapproved, as contrary to the provisions of Discipline.

4. Several errors and omissions having been discovered in the several Journals of the Annual Conferences, it was resolved that the secretaries be empowered and instructed to make the necessary corrections.

5. The action of the Susquehanna Annual Conference,

in affixing a penalty to a resolution in the cases of candidates for examination on the course of study, be disapproved.

6. Objection having been made to the action of the Susquehanna Conference in leaving J. Glen to be appointed by the Superintendent; and also to the practice of filling vacancies in the Stationing Committee by electing ministers other than chairmen; Conference voted that such action was proper, and not contrary to Discipline.

7. The decision of the President on the following question was sustained: Is a charge having one preacher appointed by an Annual Conference, and one acting as a supply under the appointment of a District Chairman, entitled to two delegates in an Annual Conference? Answer, Yes.

8. The practise of requiring preachers, by resolution of one session of an Annual Conference, to report the number of their pastoral visits, in connexion with the passage of their character at another annual session of the same Conference, was disapproved.

9. It was decided by the President, that as all the disciplinary questions may be acted on at any time during the session, of an Annual Conference, it is right to report ministers received into full connexion, as having a seat in the Conference. On motion, Conference sustained the decision.

10. *Resolved*, That no Secretary of any Annual Conference, has a right to insert anything in the Conference records other than actual Conference business.

11. The Illinois Conference having allowed a Sabbath School committee to make a verbal report before the Conference, and afterwards insert a written one in the Journal, the action was disapproved.

On presentation of the report of *Committee on the Superintendency*, the following action was taken:

1. In the case of Geo. Briden, who was recommended to the Illinois Annual Conference, by a meeting of members of a Quarterly Conference, called together for the purpose, at the time of said Annual Conference session; it was

*Resolved*, That we disapprove of the practise of calling a Quarterly Conference together, in any other way than that prescribed by Discipline.

2. The answer to the following law questions, made by the Superintendent at the trial of an appeal case of N. E. Williams, was on motion approved :

Who has the right to determine whether an accused local preacher shall be tried before a Quarterly Conference, or by a committee?

*Answer.* The Chairman of a District; but his decision may be questioned, and it must then be referred to the Annual Conference for decision.

3. The said Committee further reported, recommending the election of but one General Superintendent. This part of said report was adopted, and Conference proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent. B. T. Roberts was elected.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.—For Reports of Committees on Temperance, Education, Secret Societies, Publications, and Sunday Schools, see *Free Methodist*.

B. T. Roberts was appointed a delegate to attend the Christian National Anti-Secret-Society Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in June, 1871; and he was requested to appoint two delegates to the New York State Convention Opposed to Secret Societies, to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 15th, 1870.

J. W. Reddy, E. Owen, G. W. Holmes, and L. Woodruff, were appointed as fraternal delegates to the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, to be held at Syracuse, N. Y., in October, 1871.

The Committee on Publications reported the present state of the finances of the *Free Methodist* paper (see the Statement below); and also, that a proposition had been made by J. Mackey, of New York, to assume all the liabilities and indebtedness of said paper, and commence the editing and publishing of a new paper.

Bro. Wood signified his willingness to accept said proposition; and Conference, by vote, approved thereof, and pledged itself to do all in its power to help and sustain the enterprise.

#### FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE "FREE METHODIST" PAPER.

ASSETS—Oct. 10, 1870.		Cr.
Printing materials .....		\$500 00
Office furniture.....		50 00
Due from subscribers.....		492 70
		<hr/> \$1042 70

## LIABILITIES—Oct. 1870.

	Dr.
D. D. S. Brown & Co., for paper, printing, etc.....	\$426 05
Owing to subscribers in papers, etc.....	1404 61
Due the editor, as salary.....	781 17
	<u>\$2611 83</u>

Excess of liabilities over assets..... \$1569 13

## RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

Dr. Received from Jan. 1868, to Aug. 10, 1870:

From subscribers to paper.....	\$8840 07
In donations.....	1856 40
For advertisements.....	75 65
For marriage notices.....	9 09

Total receipts.....\$10781 21

Cr. Total expenditure to same date.....\$10579 57

Excess of receipts over expenditure..... \$201 74

Present number of subscribers, 2350.

## RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—ON CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.—No Annual Conference shall pass resolutions or adopt reports interpreting discipline, and then hold any minister or member to trial for violating such resolutions or reports.

No. 2.—Every member of our Church in good standing, desirous of removing his membership to another circuit, or of uniting with any other Evangelical Church, is entitled to a certificate of his good standing.

No. 3.—ON CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP.—No person who wishes to leave our society, without uniting with any other society or church, is entitled to a certificate of membership.

No. 4.—If complaints are made against a member, involving immorality or a violation of our rules, he is entitled to a speedy trial, unless said complaints be otherwise disposed of.

N. B.—The above Resolutions have the force of law.

No. 5.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.—*Resolved*, To publish a synopsis of the Minutes of all the General Conferences, in connection with the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences, and especially those parts which relate to the interpretation of our Discipline.

B. T. Roberts, W. Gould, and E. Owen, were appointed a Committee to carry the above into effect, and also to prepare and publish the new edition of the Discipline.

No. 6.—TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE.—*Resolved*, That the time and place of next General Conference be left to the decision of the Executive Committee.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

	No. Preachers.	Members.	Value Ch. Prop'y.
Michigan Conference....	24	1063	\$12,600
Illinois Conference.....	29	1634	54,100
Kansas Conference.....	6	200	.....
Susquehanna Conference.....	37	1677	53,500
Genesee Conference.....	32	1982	114,500